

Principal's Message

Welcome to the February 2021 edition of our very own newsletter- Pacific Reflections!! I am extremely grateful and honored to say that PCT is about to turn 19 years and we have students from over 30 different countries and it's growing. This is all due to hard work and support from PCT students and staff, recruitment partners and well-wishers and I thank everyone for the tremendous support.

The year 2020 was very difficult for us, as coronavirus continues to impact our daily lives. After the challenges and changes that 2020 brought into our lives I think we will all be glad to welcome in 2021 and make a fresh start in the new year. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, international borders are not open which is causing much concern for both the education industry and many international students who are overseas, waiting for the Australian borders to open. We are optimistic about the international borders opening soon once the COVID-19 vaccination gets rolled out in Australia.

At Pacific College, we endeavor to help you achieve your career and educational goals by providing top quality vocational training. I sincerely hope all our students have a rewarding and memorable experience at Pacific College of Technology and I look forward to celebrating all your future successes.

I wish everyone a very happy New Year 2021.

Pradip Dhakal, Principal



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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT PCT

PCT 18th Anniversary 2020

In order to celebrate 18 years of establishment, PCT organized a PCT 18th Anniversary celebration party at college. Mr Pradip Dhakal, Principal and Founder gave a very motivating speech where he shared his journey and experiences to us. Along with a cake cutting ceremony, we also took pictures with all our hard-working staff members. It was a fantastic event with all PCT team members and students. The snaps from the event are as per below:



NCA Cricket Sponsorship

Pacific College has been supporting the local community organisations through sponsorships and donations on a regular basis. The College recently supported NCA as platinum sponsor for the year 2020/21 "Pacific College Cricket Tournament". Over 25 teams participated on the tournament this season.



PCT Team Lunch & BBQ

As To recognize and celebrate the hard work and efforts put together by PCT and team during this COVID-19, Pacific College celebrated barbeque with all for our staff/trainers in the college premises. It was a very relaxing and well-deserved moments for all our staff and trainers. Pacific College believe in encouraging employee recognition for exceptional efforts, activities supporting a healthier work environment, providing leadership or a team working well together.

Below are some pictures of an event:



New Course- Graduate Certificate course at PCT

PCT is proud to announce that we have BSB80515 - Graduate Certificate in Management (Learning) is currently available for our students. Please contact our friendly marketing staff to know more about the new course and special promotions.

Transition from ICT15 to ICT20

We have upgraded superseded ICT15 courses with new ICT20 courses as follows:

- ICT40120 Certificate IV in Information Technology (Networking) 52 weeks
- ICT50220 Diploma of Information Technology (Networking) 78 Weeks
- ICT60220 Advanced Diploma of Information Technology 78 Weeks

Pathways with WSU and SCU



In addition to Western Sydney University's School of Business, we are pleased to share that we have been able to add one more university through an articulation arrangement with Southern Cross University (SCU).

As a result, students will be awarded credit for selecting the course in the university.

The table below indicates the total amount of credit that can now be awarded by SCU under each pathway that currently exists for graduates from Pacific College.

Into a bachelor's degree – 24 Unit – 288 Credit Points – 3 Years	
VET Qualification	Credit Awarded
Associate Degree (AQF level 6 or equivalent)	16 units (192 CP)
Advanced Diploma (AQF level 6 or equivalent)	12 units (144 CP)
Diploma (AQF level 5 or equivalent);	8 units (96 CP)
Certificate IV (AQF level 4 or equivalent);	4 units (48 CP)
Into a bachelor's degree – 32 Unit – 384 Credit Points – 4 Years	
an Associate Degree (AQF level 6 or equivalent)	16 units (192 CP)
Advanced Diploma (AQF level 6 or equivalent);	12 units (144 CP)
Diploma (AQF level 5 or equivalent);	8 units (96 CP)
Certificate IV (AQF level 4 or equivalent);	4 units (48 CP)

COVID-19: ASQA is committed to working with providers

ASQA is focused at this time on supporting providers to maintain quality of training and assessment by providing extensive guidance that can support providers to assure themselves of the outcomes of competency.

Providers should be assured that ASQA will continue to provide support as the sector transitions out of COVID-19 restrictions. ASQA understands that these challenges may continue for some time and that providers operating across multiple locations and learner cohorts may implement staggered approaches based on a risk assessment of their individual circumstances.

Any changes to our flexible regulatory approach will be carefully considered in consultation with peak bodies and other government agencies as appropriate.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

FREE WIFI available for Students

How to connect?

Step 1: Go to Settings on your device, and choose Wi-Fi service "Student"

Step 2: Connect to student Wi-Fi using your student ID number and password

Step 3: After clicking Accept you are now connected to the Student Wi-Fi

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Do not forget to download PCT APP!

Now you can download on your Smartphone the PCT APP, it's available on Google play and App Store. It is important that our student's make a maximum use of it,

If you need some assistant, please go to the reception and they can help you.

NSW PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2021

Friday 1 January	New Year's Day
Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day
Friday 2 April	Good Friday
Sunday 4 April	Easter Sunday
Monday 5 April	Easter Monday
Sunday 25 April	Anzac Day
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday
Monday 4 October	Labour Day
Saturday 25 December	Christmas Day
Sunday 26 December	Boxing Day

WHY CHOOSE PCT?



For your next course or if you have relatives wishing to Study in Sydney, Pacific College of technology is your college of choice.

Why choose PCT?

- Award Winning College (winner of the Cumberland Local Business Awards)

- Finalist in The Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence
- Award winning principal as Businessperson of the year
- Conducive learning environment equipped with cutting edge technology
- Flexible Class timetables Evening including weekends
- Responsive to market trends and demands.

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BIG BASH LEAGUE 2020-21



The 2020–21 Big Bash League season or BBL|10 is the tenth season of the Big Bash League, the professional men's Twenty20 domestic cricket competition in Australia, with 61 matches currently being played. On 15 July 2020, Cricket Australia confirmed the fixtures for the tournament. The tournament started on 10 December 2020, and is scheduled to finish on 6 February 2021, with the majority of the matches being played at night. The Sydney Sixers are the defending champions.

The Sydney Sixers defended their title, beating the Perth Scorchers by 27 runs in the final. James Vince's blistering 95 and disciplined bowling helped Sydney Sixers to beat Perth Scorchers by 27 runs in the Big Bash League (BBL) final at Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday to clinch their second successive title. From the team, Vince guided Sydney Sixers to a solid 188 for six in the final of the domestic T20 league. The English cricketer played a terrific knock of 90 runs off 60 deliveries, in an innings which was laced with ten boundaries and three maximums. Their bowlers did well to defend the target as they restricted the Scorchers to 161/9 to wrap up a 27-run victory.

Melbourne Cup 2020



The Melbourne Cup is the race that stops the nation. The 2020 Melbourne Cup (known commercially as the 2020 Lexus Melbourne Cup) was the 160th running of the Melbourne Cup, a prestigious Australian Thoroughbred horse race. The race, run over 3,200 metres (1.988 mi), was held on 3 November 2020 at Melbourne's Flemington Racecourse- Victoria.

Following Pacific College tradition, we organised sweep/ lucky draw for staff and students for Melbourne Cup and watched the race in Level 1, Room 6 projector screen. It was held on Tuesday, November 3 2020 at Flemington Racecourse- Victoria.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2020/21



The Border–Gavaskar Trophy is a Test cricket series played between India and Australia. It is played via the International Cricket Council's future tours program, with varying lengths of time between matches. As of January 2021, India holds the trophy after defeating Australia in 2020-21 by two Tests to one, with one drawn match. If a series is drawn, the country holding the trophy retains it. The series is named after distinguished former captains, Australia's Allan Border and India's Sunil Gavaskar.

India has scored a famous victory in the Test series against Australia, chasing down 328 on the last day of the final game at the Gabba to win the series 2-1 and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. A draw would have been enough to retain the trophy for India, after their historic series victory in 2018/19, but the impressive side went all out and charged home, scoring 51 off the last five overs to win.

Down and out, India lost several of their first-choice stars to injury, but the second line of attack proved themselves they are second to none and the choice of venue was The Gabba, where Australia have lost for the first time since 1988. With this win India produced one of the great run-chases to hand Australia a first Test series defeat at the Gabba in 33 years. India was also chasing a target of 328 for the win, making it the highest ever run chase at the famous venue in Brisbane.

Scammers targeting superannuation in COVID-19 crisis

Scammers are now trying to exploit Australians financially impacted by the COVID-19 crisis with new superannuation scams being reported to Scamwatch in recent weeks. Scammers are already trying to take advantage of the Government's recent announcement that people suffering financial hardship can have partial access to their superannuation from mid-April.

"Scammers are cold-calling people claiming to be from organisations that can help you get early access to your super," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said. "For most people, outside of their home, superannuation is their greatest asset and you can't be too careful about protecting it."

"The Australian Taxation Office is coordinating the early release of super through myGov and there is no need to involve a third party or pay a fee to get access under this scheme."

"Never follow a hyperlink to reach the myGov website. Instead, you should always type the full name of the website into your browser yourself," Ms Rickard said. In most cases the scammers are seeking to obtain personal information, including information that will help them fraudulently access the victim's superannuation funds.

"While older people are more commonly affected by superannuation scams, the new early-access scheme means a range of age groups are now experiencing these scams," Ms Rickard said.

In 2019, Australians lost over \$6 million to superannuation scams with people aged 45-54 losing the most amount of money. "Never give any information about your superannuation to someone who has contacted you. Don't let them try to pressure you to make a decision immediately, take your time and consider who you might be dealing with."

"Be wary of callers who claim to be from a government authority asking about your super. Hang up and call the organisation directly by doing an independent search for their contact details," Ms Rickard said.

If you have provided information about your superannuation to a scammer, immediately contact your superannuation institution. If you have provided personal or banking details, you should also contact your financial institution.

You can also contact IDCARE, a free Government-supported service which will work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and support you through the process. The ACCC has produced a series of videos with tips and tricks on how to spot a scam, and to test people's awareness of scams. The full series is also available on YouTube.

Message from DOS

Dear Students,
Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great holiday and look forward to an exciting Term I 2021.

Whether you are just deciding what to study, or you have your career plan sketched out, we have a full range of support services and flexible study options to suit you.

At your first class, or during online orientation, your teacher will give you other essential information about Pacific College and your course, and they will also be able to answer any questions you might have. We would also like to remind you that Term I 2021 will commence from Monday, 08 February 2021. By the last week of January you should check your schedule, register for class and know which classes you should be attending.

As always, it is our commitment to provide the best possible service, and we appreciate your co-operation in these matters. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again, welcome to Term I 2021, and best wishes for your studies.



Mukti Niraula
Director of Studies

Staff Focus



Deepika Adhikari

Where are you from?

I am from India.

What can you share about your hometown?

I am basically from Manipur, state of India, which is located in the north-east part of Country. Manipur is also known as “land of gems” considering its interesting history, uniqueness and culture it has. Some of which are “World’s only floating national park” Keibul Lamjao National Park is situated on the floating Loktak Lake of Manipur. Also, “World’s oldest polo ground” The game Polo was invented by the king of Manipur in the 14th century BC which was later adopted by the Western world.

What made you come to Australia?

Australia is one of the most vibrant city with cultural diversity, incredible nature and beautiful beaches, as well as known for its ever growing economy. I feel Australia is the best place where I can have a balance life between career development and experience living in a modern nation.

What is the best thing about working at Pacific College?

Pacific College of Technology is one of the best working place which has excellent working condition with Productive atmosphere, positive work culture, supportive team members, and healthy environment.

PCT focus on grooming its staff by providing various trainings and development programs time to time, also value its core vision, mission and culture.

I am very proud to be a member of multi-award-winning college in the field of vocational education.

Could you share your favorite PCT memory?

Christmas lunch party 2020 has been one of the most memorable moment for me in pct. I found all the staffs very friendly and welcoming.

Enjoying the lunch and chit-chat as one family was one unforgettable moment.

What message would like to share with others about PCT?

Pacific college of technology is one of the best training provider for vocational education with multiple award for its service over 18 plus years. It provides better learning environment, and suitable learning tools. All the trainers are very much devoted to provided the best skills both technical and profession to their students.

Do you have any tips to share with someone coming to Australia this year?

As I was an overseas student, I know it’s tough for the student to manage work and study. All I can suggest to the new students coming from overseas is, prioritise work and study, manage time well and focus on studies. Seek assistance from your teacher and college staffs in case you need help and follow the rules and live happily.

COVID-19 IMPACTS

Online Class Delivery

Due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, Students in PCT have been undertaking remote and flexible learning and care since the start of Term II 2020. The transition to online learning is definitely a great opportunity for the user to become more efficient and far reaching.

Governments are trying to slow the spread of the illness with social distancing measures, strict measures in hot spots, travel bans and mandatory quarantine periods. Therefore, we are instructing our students to study from home in order to best support these social distancing instructions. PCT is delivering all courses by adding new tools and ways of interacting with their students through the online learning platforms like Zoom, G-Suites, and my pct Moodle.

Till the risk of spreading virus is low through government rolling out vaccinations, we might continue with Online delivery of our training packages. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and, with your well-being as our key concern, we will provide you an update in case of changes in our delivery strategies.



Pacific College has implemented a range of proactive measures to limit the impact of COVID-19. These measures allow us to deliver our available courses to the students with the best possible experience and educational outcomes.

We have state guidelines and risk management practices in place, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our staff and students. For general questions about starting your study, our friendly staff can answer your common queries (such as resetting a password, accessing online services, using campus facilities, and others).



Photo Gallery





Contributions

We would like to publish your poems, artwork, photographs, stories and more in our next newsletter! Please contact Mukti Niraula to have something considered for publication on this newsletter by email mukti.niraula@pct.edu.au

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