

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Definitions:

Overseas Student refers to students specifically on the Overseas Student Visa

International Students include students on the Overseas Student Visa and all other visas e.g. Business Long Stay 457, Occupational Training Visa 442, Special Program Visa 416 and so on.

Domestic student refers to all students who are either Australian Citizens, New Zealand Citizens and, or have Permanent Residency

1. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR ALL NEW OVERSEAS STUDENTS

YTU holds an Orientation Program for all students on an international visa – whether overseas student type or otherwise. This program is held at the end of the first week of each semester. Dates are posted in the YTU Handbook (see Academic Calendar) and online.

A general Orientation program is held for all students at the beginning of each new academic year on the Friday before the commencement of semester and is followed by a BBQ supper. The date is posted in the YTU Handbook (See Academic Calendar) and online.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

English language assistance takes place primarily in the context of the religious orders to which our international students mostly belong. Lecturers provide assistance for students in their classes.

ACADEMIC SKILLS

YTU runs a not for credit unit **NN1000Y Introduction to Tertiary Studies in Theology** each semester for new international and domestic students. This course runs for 9 weeks and includes an orientation to the LIBRARY

COURSE PLANNING

Course planning takes place between the Academic Dean or Postgraduate Coordinator, and student each semester. This is also a way of monitoring the student's progress and making provision for tutoring needs, or other forms of appropriate support during the student's time of study at YTU.

PASTORAL CARE

YTU employs a Chaplain (part time) who is available to speak with students on a needs basis. The Chaplain provides for the spiritual care of the YTU Community through weekly Eucharist, Spirituality Days and her availability. The Chaplain is trained in Spiritual Direction.

As most of YTU's international student community is formed of students from religious congregations, they have ready access to pastoral care resources, or again may obtain relevant information about these from their Coursework Coordinators.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION

St Paschal Library's orientation takes place in a couple of forums. At the time of the general orientation and YTU's Open Day students are invited to visit St Paschal Library, have a tour and become familiar with the library's resources. This also takes place in the context of the Academic Skills unit. Any student is able to request an orientation when they visit St Paschal Library.

GUIDANCE ON WHERE TO GO IN AN EMERGENCY

Students are advised in the course of Orientation program on where to go in the event of an emergency. Evacuation plans are posted in every classroom and all common areas of YTU. This information is also provided at each first class of the semester by the lecturer who makes known not only the evacuation information relative to that specific location, but also the location of the first aid cabinets.

2. ASSISTANCE AFTER HOURS

If you require urgent assistance after hours, please call the University's after-hours hotline on 1800 775 691

3. OFFICIAL YTU CONTACT PERSONS FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Academic Dean: Ross Fishburn

Postgraduate/ Research Coordinator: Michael Kelly

International Student Contact Officer: Janette Bredenoord