



Australian Federation of International Students

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## FOOD, CONVERSATIONS AND THE WIRELESS

AFIS reaching its constituency, 2002 onwards

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## Introduction

- Established in Melbourne, VIC in 2002
- Non Profit, Community oriented organisation
- National presence
- “Enhance your ability, enrich your experience”
- Aim:
  - General assistance to international students
  - Offer students proven sources of supporting information
  - Platform for students to express ideas and concerns

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## Casual Chat with the Victorian Police



VICTORIA POLICE

THE WAY AHEAD

...Delivering a Safer Victoria

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## Casual Chat with the Victorian Police

- Break the cultural barrier between IS and local law enforcement
- Negative experiences with police back home
- Value integrity, approachable and are willing to help
- Feel safe and secure amongst the local community

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## Mirchi Sushi Crab, 90.7FM Radio Programme



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- Platform to voice concerns and issues
- Forge ties between Australian youth and IS
- Be a part of the wider community
- Inform IS of vital services

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## Cultural Adjustment Presentations



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- Promote Integration within wider community
- Gain an appreciation and understanding of Australian culture
- Orientation presentations to IS at various education providers
- Focus:
  - Address the issue of cultural adjustment
  - Providing support so students may find the transition to an unfamiliar culture

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## Steering Committees



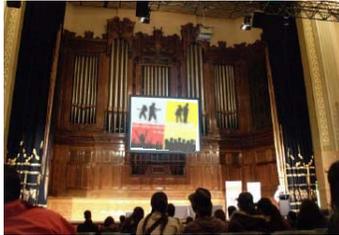
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## Steering Committees

- City of Melbourne International Student Welcome working committee
- Metropolitan Fire Brigade steering committee
- Victorian Government international student experience
- Collaborated on issues of cultural sensitivities
- Aid the development of IS services

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## M2S2



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## Q&A Session

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