

Enhancing Interaction between domestic and international students: Creating opportunities through the student exchange programme



Where we started

- Vic OE - limited interaction with our students
- No events organised for domestic & int'l students
- Disconnected student groups
- Benefits of bringing these groups together
 - Inbound
 - Outbound
 - Returnee
- Importance of Interaction
 - Develop Cross-cultural skills
 - Enhance student life & experience
 - Create sense of belonging
 - Improve language skills

Issues

- Lack of 'Common Ground'
 - Different academic priorities and plans
 - Different social plans
 - Different Cultural expectations & needs
 - Varied levels of English proficiency
- 'International Student' Stereotype
 - Just here to travel
 - Can't speak English
 - Socially awkward
 - International student groups



Our plan

- Join current university initiatives
 - International Buddy Programme (2011), Language buddies, Kiwi Mates, Victoria International Leadership Programme, Excell.
- Create more opportunities
 - Variety of activities for inbound & outbound
 - Have structured activities
 - Create a Student Exchange Club
- Collaborate with other groups/programmes
 - Similar goals
 - Many cross-overs



Exchange Welcome Breakfast

- Orientation Event
- Opportunity to first meet
- Build connection early
- Returnee volunteers to mingle & help set up
- VIX Club promotion
- Events promotion
- Informal & relaxed



"Thanks for the free Breakfast! This is my second day in New Zealand and I didn't know anyone. Now I've got some plans for the weekend."

-Inbound student



Quiz Night

Mix
Mingle
Prizes
Fun
FREE!

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Vic OE

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Wed 19 Sept @ 5.30pm (Quiz starts at 6)
The Hunter Lounge – Kelburn Campus

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RSVP to VicOE@vuw.ac.nz by Tues Sep 18
Please RSVP asap as we will team you up with other like-minded Vic & international students. Also, let us know if you will be bringing a friend as teams max. is 6. If you already have a team, please email your team details through.



Exchange Mixer

- Outbound, Returnee & inbound students
- Welcome, Welcome back & Welcome to Vic OE
- Photo & video comp winners
- Nametags
- Ice breaker
- Group activities & prizes
- Local bar in central city
- Mingle & encourage



"This is really great! I wish we had something like this before I went on exchange, I would have met so many good people."

-Returned Exchange Student



Culture & Film Night

Short Films & Shenanigans

a fun look at cross-cultural interaction through 4 fascinating short films

- Come along and join with a team. See some great films and learn more about your own culture and others
- There's no need to be a film expert, just come watch, enjoy and share your thoughts
- VILP points approved event

What: 4 short films, 1 big theme!

Date: Tuesday, 20 September

Time: 4.30pm - 6pm

Where: Room 632, Murphy Building, Kelburn Campus

Hot drinks
Popcorn and Prizes

Please reply to this email for catering purposes



- Discussion based
- Universal themes
 - Family, friendship, hope, love, language, cultural barriers & hope
- Group work
 - International & domestic students
 - Buddy & leadership participants



Volunteer Tree Planting



Tree Planting in Maara Roa Valley

Offset your travelling Carbon Footprint with a Tree Planting Half-day Trip



When: Saturday 29th September

Bus departs Kelburn 8.50am, returns 1.30pm

Where: Maara Roa Valley, Eastern Porirua

Cost: \$5.00

How to sign up? To secure your spot on the bus pay your \$5 (cash only) to Victoria International, EA Level 2. There are limited spaces available so get in quick!

Are you a VILP member? Participate in this event and get 10 experiential points

Calculate how many TREES you need to plant to offset your flights! [HERE](#)

Eg. Wellington – Hong Kong (one way) is 5 trees!

VicOE

- Offset your travelling carbon footprint
- Spend time with your buddy
- Get VILP points
- Get out of town
- Learn about NZ native trees











The Activities

- Types of activities
 - Quiz Night, Volunteer activities, Film nights, Cross-cultural skills workshops etc.
- Structured activities
 - Outline Purpose
 - Choose Interactive activities - common goal; problem solving; teamwork, practical activities.
 - Group/team based – purposefully created teams
 - Set expectations & encourage students



Victoria International Exchange (VIX) Club

October		
	End of Semester/Farewell Party Friday, October 19, 2012 at 9:00pm Via Victoria and 315 other guests	Join · Decline
3	Movie Night Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00pm Via Victoria and 284 other guests	Join · Decline
September		
	International Pot Luck Dinner Party Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 6:30pm Via Victoria and 298 other guests	Join · Decline
	VicOE Quiz Night Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5:30pm Via Victoria and 299 other guests	Join · Decline
	Welcome Back Drinks Friday, September 14, 2012 at 8:30pm Via Victoria and 301 other guests	Join · Decline
August		
	Dinner with "Wellington on a Plate" Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00pm Via Victoria and 279 other guests	Join · Decline
	Otari Bush Walk and BBQ Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 11:00am Via Victoria and 242 other guests	Join · Decline
	"Fancy" Drink Night Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 8:30pm Via Victoria and 307 other guests	Join · Decline
	Indoor Rock Climbing Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:30pm Via Victoria and 283 other guests	Join · Decline

- Created in 2012
- Returnee student leaders
- Creating the Club
 - Purpose
 - Who is the club for?
 - Committee roles
 - Planning events
 - Sustainability
- Link to Vic OE
 - Victoria International Grant
 - Support & Advice
- Types of events
- Social Media



Organisational Synergies



Tips

- Tap into student life as soon as possible
- Create expectations (of students & events)
- Make exchange students the champions
- Find organisational synergies
- Find incentives. E.g. VILP points, free food, prizes
- Create structured events with a purpose
- Relevant & fun activities (variety)
- Choose public venues
- Advertise the benefits
- Use social media
- Choose the right time and dates
- Calendar of events
- Exchange newsletter



Where we are now

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
February					Exchange Breakfast Buddy morning tea	Exchange Breakfast Buddy morning tea VIX Welcome Party
March		Meet & Greet (Outbound only)	Orientation (Outbound only)	Orientation (Outbound only)	Exchange Mixer Buddy Welcome (Pavlova Making)	VIX City Life Tour Buddy Welcome Event VIX Club Picnic VIX Int'l Dinner
April				Intercultural Skills Workshop (Outbound & Inbound)	Cultural & Film Night Buddy Potluck Dinner	Cultural & Film Night VIX Rock Climbing VIX Movie Night Buddy Potluck Dinner
May	Preparation Orientation (Outbound only)				Quiz Night	Buddy Boat Cruise Quiz Night VIX Bowling Night VIX Buffet Dinner VIX Wine Tasting
June		Farewell & Pre-departure Event (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Orientation (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Orientation (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Event	Pre-departure Event VIX Farewell Party
July					Exchange Breakfast Buddy Welcome morning tea Exchange Mixer Buddy Welcome Event	Exchange Breakfast VIX Welcome Party VIX City Life Tour VIX Club Picnic Buddy Welcome morning tea Exchange Mixer VIX Rock Climbing VIX Fancy Drink Night Buddy Welcome Event VIX Bush Walk BBQ
August		Meet & Greet (Outbound only)	Orientation (Outbound only)	Orientation (Outbound only)	Cultural & Film Night Buddy Mid-Winter Dinner	Cultural & Film Night VIX Wgtn Dinner Buddy Mid-Winter Dinner
September	Preparation Orientation (Outbound only)		Intercultural Skills Workshop (Outbound & Inbound)	Intercultural Skills Workshop (Outbound & Inbound)	Quiz Night Volunteer Tree Planting	Quiz Night VIX Welcome Back Volunteer Tree Planting VIX Potluck Dinner VIX Movie Night
October		Farewell & Pre-departure Event (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Orientation (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Orientation (Outbound only)	Pre-departure Event	Pre-departure Event VIX End of Year Party & Farewell
November						



Thank you for listening

***If you have any questions, comments or are
keen to collaborate please contact me:***

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