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Title: Connecting International and Domestic Students at La Trobe Melbourne: A Comparison of three activities

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The aim of this paper is to compare three activities which are conducted at La Trobe Melbourne with the aim to bring together international and domestic students. These activities are: orientation tours of the University campus, a buddy program and small group conversations.

A description of the three activities will be provided during the presentation, and then a comparative analysis will be made in a tabular form. The three activities will be judged on duration, timing as related to the students' life cycle, recruitment of participants, induction, profile of the participants, cost, venue, preparation time, resources required and popularity. A commentary will be given on each aspect of the comparison. Following the comparison, a students' perspective will be presented from feedback gained from both sets of students: domestic and international.

It is possible that the ISANA audience for this presentation has tried similar activities at their institutions. They may wish to add their comments to the similarities and differences presented. If some in the audience have not tried such activities, they may wish to consider the values of investing resources in one such activity. They may take with them the most suitable activity and adapt it to make it feasible for them to conduct it at their institution.

Key words:

Interaction between students

Buddy program

Campus tour with University students

Conversation with domestic students