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The scale and scope of changes being considered for the higher education sector are probably unprecedented in this country, surpassing even the Dawkins reforms of fifteen years or so ago.

All three key areas of universities' operations, that is, learning and teaching, research and engagement, along with

Australia's highest standards for teaching, research and engagement and that difference between universities will reflect their different circumstances.

There is no question that this University is unequivocally committed to all of those areas, reflecting the real needs of this region.

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legal status and governance, are the subject of no less than fifteen reviews or issues papers currently being actioned by the Commonwealth.

The issues being canvassed are intrinsic to the operation of universities. For example, and quite apart from the contentious VSU (voluntary student unionism) legislation and mooted industrial reforms, there are issues such as:

- what constitutes a university?
- must universities conduct research?
- should the Commonwealth assume a greater role in regulation?

These are profoundly complex issues and will be the subject of considerable debate over the coming months.

Uppermost will be the concern that the term 'university' will continue to reflect

This is a time to emphasise university diversity but not to compromise university standards of international quality.

The University of the Sunshine Coast is increasingly well placed and well regarded as a 'New Generation' university that is innovatively engaged economically and socially, and is conducting impressive teaching and research programs.

We will concertedly seek support to continue to enhance our capabilities in those respects.

Professor Paul Thomas
Vice-Chancellor

News in brief

New USC corporate design

In conjunction with the Marketing and Communications Office, the University's advertising agency, Engine Creative, has designed a new corporate look for USC that will be implemented across all print and electronic publications over the coming months.



As part of the University's corporate design update, Community has been given a "magazine-style" look giving greater flexibility in the story length and the placement and number of photographs able to be used.

The University produces a wide range of publications serving a variety of recruitment, corporate, research and course promotion needs. All project the key messages of quality, a personal approach to learning and international opportunities.

Faculty of Science, Health and Education

The Faculty of Science has been renamed the Faculty of Science, Health and Education to reflect the expanded areas of study covered by the Faculty.



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Deputy Vice-Chancellor advocates life-long learning

“It is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a young, ambitious university...”



The University welcomes new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Greg Hill.

Formerly the Dean of Education, Health and Science at Charles Darwin University, Professor Hill brings a wealth of experience to USC, particularly in the areas of academic program development, regional engagement and research.

While at CDU, Professor Hill was the Chief Investigator on successful grants totalling more than A\$4million and he is currently researching the role of fire in sustainable land management in eastern Indonesia through a project funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

in his mid 20s], he is an advocate of life-long learning. Professor Hill has a particular interest in facilitating the careers of students who are not direct school leavers.

“Many people may not be aware of how their life and work experiences can count toward their entry to university,” Professor Hill says. “Universities recognise the knowledge gained by mature age students who have been in the workforce and may be looking to upgrade or change their careers through higher education.

“Regional Australia has traditionally been disadvantaged regarding post-secondary educational opportunities. USC has a

which includes meeting the higher education needs within the region.”

Professor Hill is looking forward to being a part of USC's growth in the future.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a young, ambitious university serving a growing and diverse region,” Professor Hill says.

“I am committed to seeing USC reach its potential as the preferred university destination for the people of the Sunshine Coast and a primary contributor to the development, cultural richness and environmental sustainability of the region through its teaching and research.”

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Thomas, is pleased to have Professor Hill as part of the University management team.

“I was delighted that Professor Hill accepted the offer to become our next Deputy Vice-Chancellor,” Professor Thomas says.

“Professor Hill is clearly aligned with our philosophy and strategic direction. I am sure he will fit into the University very quickly and provide the academic leadership needed to move us into the future,” he says.

“USC has a responsibility to provide pathways to university for members of our community.”

Professor Hill has been involved in the establishment of research centres focussing on remote sensing, tropical wetlands management, Indigenous natural and cultural resource management, clinical nursing and tropical wildlife management. He has also held senior management positions in commonwealth Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) and Australian Research Council Key Centres.

Professor Hill began his working career as a primary school teacher. He has maintained a love of teaching and teaching innovation. He was recently part of the team that completed the review of secondary school education in the Northern Territory and was Chair of the Northern Territory Board of Studies.

Being a mature age student himself, [Professor Hill began his academic career

responsibility to address this situation and provide pathways to university for members of our community,” Professor Hill says.

Another area of interest for Professor Hill is the link between the school, TAFE and the university sectors.

“The Sunshine Coast is growing rapidly and the demand for education and training at all levels will continue to increase. The University is a key partner in this learning community and we can enrich, and be enriched by, partnerships with the schools and TAFE colleges of the region.”

“USC is making its mark as a leading regional centre for learning. We have attracted a lot of interest both nationally and internationally for our regional engagement strategies and achievements,



Professor Hill completed his PhD on the ecology of eastern grey kangaroos so enjoys sharing the campus with the USC “mob”.

Intensive language days

“The students had a unique opportunity to practice their language skills...”



A unique collaboration between the University of the Sunshine Coast, local high schools, USC international students, University staff and the community gave more than 100 local high school students an opportunity to enhance their language skills.

The Intensive Language Day, held at the University, brought together Year 11 and 12 students who are studying Japanese

and Indonesian and native speakers from the community in a day of intense language learning.

High school students from Bribie Island to Coolool took part in the day, which was coordinated by USC's Languages Project Officer, Elizabeth Henzell.

“The students had a unique opportunity to practice their language skills in

conversation with native speakers, and were also able to learn about life and cultural experiences of living in Japan and Indonesia,” Ms Henzell says.

“This gave students an opportunity to speak with and listen to native speakers of their target language, something that students of Languages Other Than English seldom ever have an opportunity to do here in Australia,” she says.

Student named Queensland Young Achiever

Congratulations to Marayke Jonkers on being named Queensland Young Achiever of the Year.

Ms Jonkers, who has completed a Bachelor of Social Science (Community Work) and is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts (Communication) received the award on 16 April.

Aside from her university study, Ms Jonkers is an elite athlete and competed in the Athens Paralympics in September last year winning two bronze medals for the 50-metre breast stroke and the 150 metre individual medley.

It was her third Paralympics and she is currently training for the 2008 Beijing Games.

On top of her already busy schedule, Ms Jonkers is launching a career as a motivational speaker.

By no means new to public speaking having started at the age of nine in front of a corporate audience at a state conference, Ms Jonkers is receiving excellent feedback from her clients.

“Being an athlete, I need to fund my training, but nine to five just doesn't suit,” Ms Jonkers says.



Photograph by Marion Jonkers.

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“I needed to be creative about my income and public speaking is perfect,” she says.

Ms Jonkers beat a field of 400 to take the Queensland Young Achiever of the Year Award and intends to use her profile to promote Paralympians and the media status of people with a disability.

Ms Jonkers can be contacted for speaking engagements on +61 7 5443 4685.

USC students receive AFUW support

Seven students each received a A\$1000 bursary from the Australian Federation of University Women (AFUW) at their 10th Bursary Presentation.

The students; Amanda Carrol, Gemma Dittmar, Elizabeth Johnson, Tegan Piggford, Alison Morton, Emily Rigby and Leanne Taylor were congratulated by AFUW Sunshine Coast Branch publicity officer, Norma McMichael.

"These are seven outstanding women. Not only are they of a high standard

academically, but they are all contributing to the community in different ways," she said.

The AFUW promotes the advancement of women worldwide and their equality of opportunity, through initiatives in education, friendship and peace.

Up to eight A\$1000 AFUW bursaries are available annually, with one available for a mature-age student, one for an Honours student and one for an indigenous student.

Photograph courtesy of the Buderim Chronicle.



AFUW executive committee members are pictured with bursary recipients.



USC named Employer of Choice for Women

The University has been named an Employer of Choice for Women.

The award, from the Federal Government Equal Opportunity Agency (EOWA), recognises the University as a workplace that supports female staff by providing a positive and flexible environment.

USC was the only Sunshine Coast organisation to be named in a list of 15 Queensland-based organisations and one of only 115 Australia-wide.

New hospital announced

The announcement of a A\$500M hospital and health hub complex to be built adjacent to the University campus was made by the Premier, Peter Beattie and the Health Minister Gordon Nuttall following a State Government Cabinet meeting at the University on May 16.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Thomas has welcomed this Smart State initiative.

"This is one of the most significant, exciting and valuable developments for students, the Coast and the University," Professor Thomas says.

A private hospital will be developed first

regional community," Professor Thomas says.

Discussions will begin immediately on the planning processes, and cooperation between the parties will be vital.

As the need for university research and training increases to meet the demands of a growing State population, so the need for universities and hospitals to work closely is also a priority, and co-location at Sippy Downs will underscore these linkages.

Professor Thomas commented that this would be an opportunity for the health and

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over the next five years, followed by a public hospital in five to ten years.

There are many synergies that can be created between the hospitals and the University.

"We can build on our current programs for the training of nurses, create new areas in health services and medicine, and extend our research into areas of relevance to the

education areas to grow in parallel, and the consequent benefits for the region will be profound.

Also from population growth, infrastructure and communication perspectives the location is ideal.

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Graduation 2005

The University celebrated its seventh annual Graduation Ceremony on March 31.

The Graduating Class of 2005 consisted of more than 650 graduates, many of whom are already forging successful careers locally and throughout Australia. (See page 8).

More than 400 graduates received their degree awards on the night from Acting Chancellor Tim Fairfax, AM, FAICD, on centre stage at the Innovation Centre.

More than 3000 graduates are now members of USC's Alumni.

Love of writing leads to university success

Pam Hardgrave is an outstanding example of the benefits of life-long learning.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (with majors in Communication and Creative Writing) and a Dean's Commendation, Ms Hardgrave is continuing her studies this year with an Honours degree.

Ms Hardgrave said she owes a great deal of her success to the encouragement and friendship of her lecturers and tutors, specifically Gary Crew and Stephen Lambie.

Ms Hardgrave wrote numerous short stories during her studies, some winning awards with the Sunshine Coast Writers' Group and has had articles published in local newspapers and magazines as a freelance feature writer. She also teaches English to Year 11 and 12 high school students as a private tutor.

Before returning to study, Ms Hardgrave worked in a tourist resort, owned a real estate agency, has been a dairy farmer and stud breeder and raised four children.



Business prizes and awards



Amanda Carrol received the Schultz Toomey O'Brien Prize for Best Student in *ACC220 Law of Business Associations* from Paul Kusy, partner Schultz Toomey O'Brien.



Kristina Fenwick received the Telstra Country Wide Prize for Outstanding Student in *ICT220 Telecommunications and Networks* from Area General Manager Jason Law.

The 2005 Faculty of Business Awards and Prizes Ceremony was held on the afternoon of graduation.

The special event acknowledged the most outstanding Business students of 2004. This year there were 27 sponsors and 31 awards presented. In addition, A\$6500 worth of bursaries and scholarships were awarded with prizes ranging from A\$250 to A\$1500.



Paul Goddard received the Lambert Innovation Prize for Best Student in *COR110 Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship* from Dorothy and Bruce Lambert.

Graduation 2005

Chancellor's Medallist

Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) graduate, Suzanne Burford, received the 2005 Chancellor's Medal.

Ms Burford achieved an outstanding academic record with a Grade Point Average of 6.682.

Aside from her academic achievements, Ms Burford was also recognised for her work with the local Indonesian community and her involvement with the USC branch of Amnesty International and supporting new students through the USC mentoring program.



Chancellor's Medallist Suzanne Burford with Acting Chancellor Mr Tim Fairfax, AM, FAICD.

University Medallists

The University Medal is an award made during graduation in recognition of academic excellence. To qualify for consideration for the award, a student must have demonstrated academic excellence throughout their entire Bachelor's degree program and have passed all subjects at a uniformly high standard. This year, University Medals were awarded to;



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences University Medallist Inez Mahony and Acting Dean Associate Professor Pam Dyer.

Inez Mahony – Bachelor of Arts.

Ms Mahony achieved a GPA of 6.82 and also undertook courses at the University of New England and spent a semester in Indonesia undertaking field studies. She is currently enrolled in Honours at USC examining the Indonesian media's treatment of relations between Australia and Indonesia.



Faculty of Science, Health and Education University Medallist Karen Smallcombe and Dean Professor Rod Simpson.

Karen Smallcombe – Bachelor of Science.

Ms Smallcombe achieved an outstanding record of 23 high distinctions and one distinction, resulting in a GPA of 6.9. Her studies included; biotechnology, pharmacology, nutrition and microbiology. She was also involved in student support programs on campus and volunteering in the local community. Ms Smallcombe is continuing her studies at USC with an Honours degree.



Community recognised

Each year the University recognises people who have made outstanding contributions to the local community.

This year was no exception with two well-known local identities receiving the official title of Honorary Senior Fellow.

Shay Zulpo and Doug Biggs, AM, both received the award for their commitment to improving the lives of people of the Sunshine Coast.

Ms Zulpo, who is one of USC's first graduates, is passionate about assisting those in the community who may be disadvantaged or have difficulties, particularly children and young people with life-limiting illnesses.

Ms Zulpo is probably best known for her work with the Sunshine Coast Street Angels which provides an on-street and

on-site mobile safety net service for individuals in need, assisting many people over the years.

Doug Biggs AM is a respected local community worker, having been involved with Rotary for more than 35 years.

Through his work with Rotary, Mr Biggs was instrumental in the establishment of the Hear and Say Centre at Nambour.

Having the Centre based on the Coast means families no longer have to make the four-hour return trip to Brisbane for their weekly therapy sessions.

Since 1995, Mr Biggs has also been an Honorary Ambassador for Maroochy Shire and he is currently Patron and Fund Raising Trusts Coordinator for the Sunshine Coast Children's Therapy Centre in Nambour.

Careers take off

Graduation was the end of study for hundreds of students, but it is only the beginning of their professional careers.

As the University's Alumni grows, so does USC's reputation for producing quality graduates with just the right balance of practical experience and sound theoretical knowledge.

The Class of 2005 are finding work locally, across Queensland, and interstate.

Some have started their own businesses, while others are working for the Government or private enterprise.

Here we follow just a few of the Class of 2005 who are already making a mark in their new careers.



Sarah Willmott

Sarah Willmott graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Design and Marketing) and was offered a full-time position in the advertising industry after only her second job application.

She is now working as an Advertising Coordinator in Manly, Sydney for the Edge Publishing Group.

"The support of the staff at USC and the experience I gained during my internship helped me secure my job in Sydney," Ms Willmott says.



Simon O'Brien

A graduate who has made the move to Brisbane is Simon O'Brien.

An internship with the Government, which was part of an industries studies package of his Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology (BICT), led to full-time employment for Mr O'Brien.

He now works as a Computer Systems Officer (Network) for the Queensland Department of Education and the Arts.

"BICT at USC provides everything an IT professional needs to succeed in the industry," Mr O'Brien says.



Maya Gurry

Maya Gurry graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Communication) and is Director of Fresh PR, a successful Sunshine Coast public relations and event management company.

Through her work with Fresh PR, Ms Gurry has been making a name for herself on the Sunshine Coast and was recently profiled in the local lifestyle magazine Revive.

Ms Gurry offers the following advice to current students.

"Get as much experience as you can during your studies."



Melissa Rutt

After completing a Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science), Melissa Rutt is now working as a Research Technician for the Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

Having always enjoyed science and wanting to eventually be involved in cancer research, Ms Rutt says her degree was hard work, but worth it.

"USC offers more than just concrete buildings and rigid traditional degree programs."



Richard Newton

Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) graduate, Richard Newton, is working for Maroochy Shire Council on the Sunshine Coast as a Biodiversity Officer.

An environmental science degree offered Mr Newton an opportunity to work at the coal-face of local environmental conservations in the area he grew up in.

"Going back to university as a mature age student has proven to be one of the most significant decisions I have made in my life," Mr Newton says.



Leanne Gill

Bachelor of Business (Accounting) graduate, Leanne Gill, is employed as an accountant with local Tewantin accounting firm, Holmans.

USC has an excellent success rate with its accounting graduates with a 100 percent employment rate.

Ms Gill chose the USC accounting degree to advance her career and offers the following advice to anyone considering returning to study as a mature age student.

"Have faith - you can do it!."

USC scientist appointed to international journal



“...identifying ‘hot topics’ in marine science and encouraging innovative research...”

USC Senior Lecturer in Marine Science, Dr Thomas Schlacher, has been appointed to the editorial board of the prestigious international journal *Marine Ecology*.

Marine Ecology publishes cutting-edge articles by marine scientists from around the world and the editorial board sets the strategic direction of the journal, its content and the quality of the papers which are published.

The Board are also tasked with identifying 'hot topics' in marine science and encouraging innovative research and novel applications of scientific methods.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Greg Hill, congratulated Dr Schlacher on his appointment.

“Members of the editorial board are chosen for their international standing and expertise,” Professor Hill says.

“Appointment to the editorial board of an international journal is a great honour. It indicates that experts in the discipline area recognise the person as being a leader in their field on the international stage,” he says.

Staff take the health challenge

The Centre for Healthy Activities, Sport and Exercise (CHASE) is offering USC staff the chance to improve their health.

They have established an exercise program covering a range of activities including walking, swimming, pilates and touch football.

CHASE Director, Assoc. Professor Brendan Burkett said the Centre plans to open the program to students and the community over the coming months.



2006 audit will gauge quality

The University will be audited by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA) in 2006.

Every university in the country is being scrutinised by AUQA, at a time when 'quality' and 'accountability' are becoming increasingly important for students, governments and communities.

It will be an invaluable audit process for USC as it will provide feedback on structures, processes and development.

The AUQA audit covers all areas of a university's operations, including governance and management, quality assurance mechanisms, teaching and learning, research and research training, engagement activities, internationalisation, resource utilisation and the range of support services such as human resources, finance, capital development, media and Foundation.

Premier meets graduate while in Japan



USC graduate, Trent Scott, met with Queensland Premier Peter Beattie during the Premier's recent visit to Japan.

Mr Scott, who now works in Japan as an English tutor, was representing the Sunshine Coast on the Queensland Education and Training International delegation at the Aichi World Expo.

As well as meeting the Premier, Mr Scott was promoting the benefits of studying at USC to international students.

“USC is a unique place for international students to study, not only English, but also for the diversity of programs and courses. They also appreciate the lifestyle,” Mr Scott says.

During his degree, Mr Scott spent a year studying at the Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Nagoya, Japan.

After graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science, he was offered a position as a language tutor at the University.

“During my exchange I got to know many lecturers and tutors, and told them I was interested in returning as a teacher,” he says.

“After I came back to Australia I found out I had been nominated for a tutoring position, and after a couple of phone interviews, I was offered the position.”

So, how does a science degree lead to being a language tutor?

“As an Army Reserve soldier, I put my university studies on hold when I was called up for active service in East Timor in 2000. After six months with the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force, I returned to the Sunshine Coast and my degree,” he says.

“Having already studied a diploma in recreation and fitness at TAFE, I chose a science degree at the University because it allowed me to choose study areas that I thought would be most beneficial to me in the long term.

“When I returned from East Timor I decided to study Japanese as part of my degree. The option to study a language as a minor added variety to my science degree and allowed me to widen my experiences, by not only learning the language, but also learning about Japanese life first hand,” he says.

USC graduate launched new book at Voices on the Coast

The annual literary festival, Voices on the Coast, celebrated its tenth year and USC graduate and published author Luke Keioskie was one of the many presenters from USC to take part.

Mr Keioskie, a former journalist, graduated this year with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and his first novel, *Room One Nineteen*, was launched during a writers' panel session as part of Voices on the Coast.

Room One Nineteen is written for young adults and revolves around a teacher, Carl Luskan, who conducts a creative writing course at an institute for troubled boys. Luskan is in the firing line of six dangerous teens and subjected to abuse and death threats. He must piece together the mystery of which boy wants him dead... and the only clues he has lie in the students' stories.

Other USC staff and graduates involved in Voices on the Coast 2005 were Dr Karen Brooks, Jane Fynes-Clinton, Maria Arena, Shane Bertschin and Sam Folder.

This year the festival attracted authors from around the world including Adeline Yen Mah, Valanga Khoza and Li Cunxin and was presented by Immanuel Lutheran College and the University of the Sunshine Coast.



USC graduate and now published author, Luke Keioskie, launched his first novel at this year's Voices on the Coast.



Rod Achilles and Vanessa Glasson.

Calling 1999 Alumni

As the University's 10-year anniversary celebrations approach next year, the inaugural graduates from 1999 are encouraged to get in touch with the University.

If you are an inaugural alumnus, or know of someone who is, or you know of someone who has graduated since 1999, please contact Di Southwell at the University Foundation on +61 7 5430 1104 or <dsouthwe@usc.edu.au>.

Brisbane Alumni function

The inaugural USC Brisbane Alumni function was held recently giving former students the opportunity to catch up on what they have been doing since they graduated.

Held at the Jan Manton Art Gallery, which was hosting the aptly named Connected exhibition by Marilyn Fairskye, the event was attended by several of our first graduates from 1999.

Vanessa Glasson [pictured] is the Events and Marketing Officer for Southern Skies Events based in Brisbane. She completed a Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Arts and graduated in 2003.

Ms Glasson is responsible for planning, marketing and coordinating the Southern Skies Tournament which hosts 1500 teenagers from eight countries who travel to Brisbane to participate in team competitions in soccer, rugby, hockey and netball.

Rod Achilles [also pictured] studied Art and Design and now runs his own graphic/web design business.

Australian String Quartet at USC

The Australian String Quartet will perform at USC on the evening of 3 August as part of their 2005 Concert Series.

During the 'Take Flight' performance (Concert 3) at the Innovation Centre, the popular string quartet will play; Webern Six Bagatelles, Opus 9 (1924), Haydn "Lark" String Quartet in D Major, Opus 64 No. 5 (1790) and Schubert's Quintet in C (1828) with a special guest appearance by Li-Wei, a gifted cellist.

Coastline BMW is a major sponsor of the Australian String Quartet USC concert this year. Tickets cost A\$30 and bookings can be made through Di Southwell at the University Foundation on +61 7 5430 1104 or <dsouthwe@usc.edu.au>

Proceeds from the evening will go toward enhancing the University Art Gallery.



Photograph: Jacqui Way

The Australian String Quartet will perform at USC on 3 August.

Courses for Careers Day – August 21

Courses for Careers Day is the University's annual open day. Visitors are welcome to come along and discover what USC has to offer.

The day is invaluable for anyone wanting to know more about the courses on offer at USC, what facilities are available for students and how to apply.

Staff from each of the faculties and current students will be available to answer questions.

Activities are planned throughout the day including campus tours, faculty presentations, and information sessions on scholarships and travel opportunities.

The Schools Excellence Expo and Voices Plus are also being held on campus on that day.

Program details for the 2005 event will be available in July.



USC launches new DVD for schools

Each year, the University visits 60 schools and 40 school groups visit the campus, but many more high school students do not have that opportunity, and a new DVD will help spread the word.

External Relations Coordinator, Kylie McKenzie, says the DVD was produced out of demand from schools for more information about USC.

"Each year the requests for information about USC are growing and while we try to meet all the requests for visits and information, due to distance we simply can't get to some schools," Ms McKenzie says.

"The DVD answers the questions most often asked by high school students such as, what student support services does USC offer, what about study resources and computer access. It also covers accommodation options and sport and recreation activities."

According to Professor Robert Elliot, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International and Development), the DVD will also showcase

USC's academic quality and campus facilities to overseas markets.

"The Sunshine Coast is well known overseas and many international students are eager to study here," Professor Elliot says.

"For them the campus, with its kangaroos and its close proximity to the hinterland and beaches, adds a uniqueness to their Australian study experience."

The DVD will be available from June 2005.



USC helps you Keep Pace

The University's Keep Pace program provides a series of free information sessions and workshops for students, parents and the community. Places are limited and bookings are essential – call +61 7 5459 4558 to secure your place. Upcoming sessions include;

Taking the big step – choices after high school

13 July

A session designed to answer questions both high school students and parents have always wanted to ask about apply to university.

Expanding your horizons – opportunities to study overseas

27 July

This session covers international exchange opportunities available to USC students and includes information on how to access overseas study grants.

Free personal career counselling

3, 10 and 17 August

Are you looking for career direction? The University's Careers Service staff are offering free 30-minute personal career counselling appointments to the public. Sessions are strictly by appointment only, so book early. Appointments will be held between 4pm and 6pm. Call 5459 4558 to book your one-on-one session.

Back to school – returning to study

17 August

For anyone who is not a school leaver, but is interested in studying at university. Change your life or just your career – enrol to study at USC in 2006.





Gallery Exhibitions

Student Exhibition

9 June – 24 June

Coodabin/Shoodabin: Scenes of Coolum

21 July – 20 August

Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art

26 August – 15 September

Hours

During exhibitions, the Gallery is open:
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 1pm-4pm.

Mailing List

To be included on our Gallery mailing list please contact
Di Southwell on +61 7 5430 1104 or <dsouthwe@usc.edu.au>.

*The 2005 Gallery Exhibition Program proudly supported by
Coastline BMW.*

Health promotion workshops

These sessions are aimed at people who work in health, nutrition, dietetics, medicine, education, childcare, sport, environment, welfare, recreation, planning and development.

Parents, carers and the general public are also invited to attend.

Obesity or Health at Every Size: Strategies for Change
20 June

Health Promotion Foundations and Principles
27 June

Health Promotion Needs Assessment and Planning
4 July

Health Promotion: Foundation of a Health Syllabus
26 September

Health Promotion Implementation and Evaluation
14 November

For information about the workshops contact:
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Charles Hilditch, Nature and Technology (detail), from the 2004 Student Exhibition.

Calendar

University events

TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) Brisbane	16 – 17 July
Sunshine Coast Careers Expo Buderim	19 July
Australian String Quartet	3 August
Courses for Careers Day (USC Open Day)	21 August
Schools Excellence Expo	21 August
Voices Plus	21 August
FESTURI Multicultural Festival	28 August

2005 academic dates

Semester 1	21 February – 19 June
Exams	2 – 19 June
Semester break	20 June – 17 July
Intensive Semester	1 June – 8 July
Census date	16 June
Semester 2	18 July – 20 November
Orientation	13 – 15 July
Census date	19 August
Mid-semester break	19 September – 2 October
Exam preparation	31 Oct – 2 November
Exams	3 – 20 November
Summer Semester	28 November 2005 –
	10 February 2006
Census date	16 December