



ASLI NEWSLETTER

Message from CEO

Dear ASLI Family, As we step into the promising halls of 2024, I am delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to each and every member of our esteemed staff and the vibrant student community. Your presence enriches the spirit of our college, and I am truly grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm you bring to make ASLI an exceptional place of learning and growth.

The heart of our college lies in the collective efforts of our outstanding staff and the aspiring minds of our students. Together, we have created an environment that fosters academic excellence, innovation, and personal development. As we embark on this new year, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the tireless efforts of our staff in shaping the future of our students.

Walking through the corridors and classrooms, I am filled with immense joy as I witness the cheerful faces of both students and staff. Your positivity and passion for learning are the driving forces behind the success of our college. It warms my heart to see the strong sense of community that has developed within our walls.

One of the hallmarks of ASLI is the harmonious relationship between students and staff. I believe in breaking down barriers and fostering a culture of unity, kindness, and collaboration. Let us continue to build bridges of understanding, encourage open communication, and support one another in our academic and personal journeys.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that 2024 holds, let us approach each day with a spirit of resilience, optimism, and a willingness to lend a helping hand. Together, we can create an even more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making ASLI a better place. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and confident that, with our collective efforts, we will achieve new heights of success.

Wishing you all a year filled with growth, learning, and shared accomplishments.



*Pawandeep Singh Aulakh
Chief Executive Officer*

Exciting New Year at ASLI

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you refreshed and ready for an amazing year ahead. As we kick off 2024. We are thrilled to share some exciting news and updates that will make this year even more memorable.

Get ready for an action-packed year filled with thrilling events, opportunities, and experiences. We are committed to providing you with a dynamic and engaging academic and extracurricular environment. This year, we are expanding our efforts to bring you more exciting events and opportunities to enrich your educational journey at ASLI.

From guest lectures by industry experts to fun-filled social events, there will be something for everyone. Keep an eye on your inbox and bulletin boards for announcements about upcoming events. We can't wait to see you participate, connect, and make lasting memories throughout the year.

But that's not all! Starting from next month, we are introducing a new feature in our monthly newsletter to further enhance communication and celebrate the diverse talents within our community. We are excited to announce the launch of a dedicated column where our students can share their thoughts, stories, and creative works.

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So all of our dear students, here's an exciting opportunity for you to make your voice heard, share your experiences, and showcase your creativity! Whether you have a personal reflection, a short story, poetry, or any form of expression, we warmly invite you to contribute to our special column. Send in your submissions to roop@asli.vic.edu.au by 15th February 2024, and we are eagerly looking forward to featuring your unique voices in the upcoming newsletters so don't miss out on this chance to be a part of something special!

We are confident that this addition to our newsletter will foster a stronger sense of community and connection. Together, let's make this a space where everyone's unique perspectives and talents are celebrated.

Thank you for being an integral part of the ASLI community. Here's to a year filled with growth, opportunities, and shared experiences.

Important Dates for January 2024

⇒13: Orientation for February intake

⇒15: February intake CoE start date

⇒15: Monthly fee due date



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The Crucial Role of Work Placement in Certificate III in Commercial Cookery

Embarking on a journey in the culinary arts is an exciting endeavor, especially for those pursuing a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery. While theoretical knowledge lays the foundation, the true essence of mastering the art of cooking is best acquired through hands-on experience. Work placement is crucial; it bridges theory and practice, providing aspiring chefs with invaluable skills, insights, and confidence for success in the dynamic world of commercial cookery.

Real-world Application of Skills: While the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery covers theory like culinary techniques and kitchen management, real competency comes from applying these skills in professional kitchens during work placements. This hands-on experience refines techniques, boosts efficiency, and prepares students for the fast-paced world of commercial kitchens.

Exposure to Diverse Cuisines and Techniques: Commercial kitchens are often diverse, featuring a wide range of cuisines and cooking styles. Work placements expose students to this diversity, allowing them to broaden their culinary horizons. This exposure not only enriches their skill set but also makes them adaptable and versatile professionals in the competitive culinary industry.

Building Professional Relationships: One of the often-overlooked benefits of work placement is the opportunity to build professional relationships within the industry. Working side by side with experienced chefs and kitchen staff allows students to network, seek mentorship, and gain insights from those who have navigated the culinary world successfully. These connections can be invaluable when seeking employment after completing the Certificate III, as recommendations and industry contacts can open doors to exciting career opportunities.

Enhancing Soft Skills: Beyond culinary expertise, success in the hospitality industry demands strong soft skills like communication, teamwork, time management, and adaptability. Work placements are key for students to refine these skills in a busy kitchen environment, fostering effective collaboration and ensuring they excel not only in creating delicious dishes but also in seamless teamwork.

Boosting Confidence and Employability: Confidence is a key ingredient for success in any career, and work placement serves as a confidence booster for aspiring chefs. As students become more adept at handling the challenges of a professional kitchen, their self-assurance grows. Employers in the culinary industry value candidates who not only possess theoretical knowledge but also have the hands-on experience to back it up.

In conclusion, work placement is the linchpin in the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery program. It transforms theoretical knowledge into practical skills, exposes students to diverse culinary experiences, fosters professional relationships, enhances soft skills, and ultimately boosts confidence and employability



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