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## **ASLI NEWSLETTER**

#### Message from CEO

March held significant importance for us, particularly in honouring the women who shape our lives. On March 8th, 2024, ASLI celebrated International Women's Day, a meaningful occasion for reflection and celebration. I have always supported the saying that behind every successful man there stands a woman, and my conviction in this belief remains steadfast. Witnessing my mother's unwavering support for my father since my early years deeply rooted this truth within me. Today, as I look upon my wife, I am filled with gratitude for her steadfast support, a pillar in my daily endeavours.

In my personal and work life, I am lucky to have amazing women around me. They work hard and are really talented. They take care of my business with honesty, immense hardwork and dedication. I am thankful for all they do and think they deserve a lot of credit. I believe in gender equality, but I also know women are really good at doing many things at once. Every day, I see them managing their home life and work life without any trouble.

Lately, ASLI has been getting a lot of compliments for different activities like our newsletter, Master Chef events, and graduation ceremonies. What makes me really proud is that these achievements come from the smart and hardworking women I work with. Even when I started writing for the newsletter, it was because a woman encouraged me to do it.

Basically, women's support and contributions are super important for growing personally and professionally. So, a big thank you and congratulations to all the amazing women out there making such valuable contributions worldwide.



Important Dates for April 2024 ⇒1: Easter Monday ⇒12: Orientation for April intake

- $\Rightarrow$ 15: April intake CoE start date
- $\Rightarrow$ 15: April fee due date
- ⇒25 Anzac Day



Pawandeep Singh Aulakh Chief Executive Officer

Photo: Morning Tea on International Women's Day

#### A Tips and tricks from Cookery class

1. With the price of some produce getting very expensive, consider planting leafy greens such as lettuce or herbs which can be easily grown in planters on a balcony or a window without too much hassle.

2. Don't knock purchasing frozen or canned fruit and vegetables! This is much more cost- effective method, has extended shelf life compared to fresh produce and there is no compromise in nutritional intake. Having these products on hand is a great way to use them when required.

3. When shopping compare the price per 100g/ml between like products to get the most value. This can be really handy if you are buying proteins such as meat, poultry and fish which you can buy in bulk, portion and freeze for later use.

Always remember to label and date items before freezing.



Gulbeen Dhillon **Training Manager** 

#### Update Regarding English Language Requirements

Dear Students, Please note the Australian Government raised the English language requirements effective March 23, 2024 for Student and Temporary Graduate visas to enhance the educational experience and economic contributions of international students and graduates. Changes are listed below.

#### Student Visas

- The minimum test score for the English proficiency requirement for a Student visa increases from International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 5.5 to 6.0 (or equivalent).
- The minimum score to undertake a packaged English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students
- (ELICOS) course increases from IELTS 4.5 to 5.0 (or equivalent).
- Students undertaking recognised university foundation or pathway programs that deliver reputable English language training require a score of IELTS 5.5 (or equivalent). These recognised courses will be listed on the Department's website.
- For students studying English only through ELICOS, there will be no change.

#### **Temporary Graduate visas (TGV)**

- The minimum score required for a Temporary Graduate visa increases from IELTS 6.0 to 6.5 (or equivalent as specified on our website), with a minimum score of 5.5 for each component of the test (reading, writing, speaking and listening).
- Passport holders from Hong Kong and British National Overseas (BNO) are not required to meet this increased minimum English language requirement. The settings for this cohort remains at IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent), with a minimum score of 5.0 for each component of the test (reading, writing, speaking and listening).
- The test validity window for all Temporary Graduate visa applications decreases from three years to one year. Applicants must provide evidence that they have completed an English Language test no more than one year immediately before the date of the visa application.

Further information about the changes will be communicated to education providers and potential applicants, including through the Department of Home Affairs website, social media channels and outreach activities.



Roopsirat K Sekhon Campus Manager

#### What is Orientation and why it is important to attend?

Orientation is the first thing you do when you start college. It usually happens a few days or weeks before classes start. The goal is to introduce you to your school, what it's like to be on campus, and all the helpful things you can use while you're there, It's like a crash course to get you ready for your course. Plus, it's a chance to meet other students and trainers and make new friends. It is strongly advised that all new students participate in orientation activities. Please refers to your letter of offer for specific details pertaining to your course requirements.

#### WHY IT IS IMPORTANT?

Orientation is an essential step for all incoming fresher students and existing students joining us. It's crafted to offer a warm welcome easing the transition into college life by providing a wealth of programming and resources. Through shared experiences, students can find answers to their questions, forge meaningful connections, gain insight into campus life, and grasp the expectations awaiting them as new members of the community.

During Orientation, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Engage with fellow new students.
- Connect with advisors, faculty, and support staff.
- Explore the diverse array of courses and majors available at Australian Study Link Institute.
- Seek guidance on financial aid options and payment plans.
- Familiarize yourself with important resources tailored to students.
- Understand college policies and procedures.



Jasvir Kaur Admin Department

### DEDICATED SECTION TO ASLI 'S SHINING STARS



Hello, my name is Avleen Kaur, and I have been enrolled in the commercial cookery course at ASLI College for the past year. I can honestly say that my experience here has been nothing short of wonderful, and I fully anticipate that it will continue to be so until I complete all my courses. Over the course of my time here, I have had the opportunity to learn and grow in more ways than one. Not only have I gained valuable knowledge in the field of commercial cookery, but I have also honed my skills in facing life's challenges, which has contributed significantly to my personal development and growth.

One of the aspects of ASLI College that stands out to me the most is its exceptional staff. Each member of the faculty is an incredible individual who consistently goes above and beyond to support students like me. They serve as mentors, guiding us and encouraging us to strive for a better future while providing us with the necessary tools and resources to succeed. Their teaching methods are

exemplary, making the learning process not only effective but also enjoyable and engaging. I am truly grateful for the unwavering support and guidance they have provided me, which has enabled me to overcome obstacles and excel in my studies.

Thank you!!



Avleen Kaur Student at ASLI





Looks like our college hit the jackpot in the beauty department!



"Talent Confusion" Not sure if singing is my talent or reading