

Connecting International and Domestic Students at LTM

- Orientation Tours of the University Campus
- Buddy Program
- Small Group Conversations
- Similarities
- Differences



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SMALL GROUP CONVERSATIONS

- The conversation groups are held at present in the Independent Learning Centre at La Trobe Melbourne.
- Each group is supposed to have one University student and five La Trobe Melbourne students.





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- Each session is for one hour.
- The topics have been chosen by the University students, for example, Indigenous Australia, places in Victoria of interest to tourists.



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- Each week a certain paralinguistic skill is introduced and developed by practice.
- Feedback from students has registered that the fun element is the most enjoyable part of this exercise. There is a lot of laughter involved.



TABULAR ANALYSIS

	Duration	Timing
Tours	2 hours	2 nd day
Buddies	20 hours	Whole term
Conversation	5 hours	Weekly



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	Recruitment	Induction	Profile
Tours	LTU careers	On the job	LTU students
Buddies	Tour leaders	One week	LTU students
Conversation	Tour leaders	Observation	LTU students



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	Wage	Other costs
Tours	\$26 an hour	Get together, certificates
Buddies	\$26 an hour	Meals, entry fees, transport
Conversation	\$26 an hour	None



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	Popularity	Reason
Tours	70%	Info overload; jet lag
Buddies	Very low	Payment required
Conversation	High demand	Extensive promotion



THANK YOU

