



Dear ISANA Member,

Welcome to the winter edition of the ISANA Vic/Tas Newsletter.

With the new international students arriving to commence or continue their academic studies for the second half of the year, as well as other international students continuing their studies, it's great to see the increased activity on campus and in the community.

With a hot drink in hand, we hope you will find this winter edition informative.

We hope to see many of you in September at the Vic/Tas Conference!

Take care,

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Vic/Tas State Conference

'In it Together' was the theme of the ISANA National Conference in Melbourne in 1997. It was the first time the idea of partnerships and collaboration was fully discussed and promoted among IE professionals.

Through many years of ISANA conferences, both State and National, we have been champions of change management, adopted new ways of doing things, and developed

new ways of thinking to support students together. This has included partnerships, collaboration on projects and referrals to specialist services.

This year, we are emerging into a changed world of international education. The Vic/Tas State Conference will enable you to improve your understanding of the current environment and learn about best practice projects that make a difference for international students. The conference program includes a workshop stream with workshops that unpack culture, compliance and student wellbeing; a panel stream with panels that focus on international student accommodation, employability and professional development; and as always a much-loved international student panel that asks our students for their insights on living and studying in our campuses and communities.

- **Date:** Friday 8 September 2023
- **Time:** 8.30am - 5pm (AEST)
- **Venue:** Deakin Downtown, located on Level 12, Tower 2, 727 Collins Square, Melbourne.
- **Cost:** ISANA Member \$280 | Non Member \$360 | Committee/Presenter/Speaker \$140
- **Registration:** [VIC TAS Conference](#)

The **program** will be released shortly, please keep an eye on the website: <https://isana.org.au/pd/vic-tas-conference/>

ISANA Professional Development

We have made some recent updates to our 2023 PD calendar. All ISANA Members, Non Members and colleagues are welcome to our sessions.

- **August 10 online or in Sydney**, Beyond orientation – care for new students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds, <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-10-august/>
- **August 17 in Adelaide**, It Ain't What You Do, It's the Way that You Do It: Cross-Cultural Impact and Interactions with International Students, <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-17-august-sanity/>
- **August 17 online**, ISANA and IEAA Under 18s Masterclass 2023 - Governance and Risk Management, <https://www.ieaa.org.au/events/event/isana-and-ieaa-under-18s-masterclass-2023-governance-and-risk-management> August 31 online, Best

Practice in International Student Engagement (updated findings from the Best Practice International Student Engagement Project), <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-august-31/>

- **September 6 & 13 in Adelaide**, Mental Health First Aid Training, <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-september-6/>
- **September 8 in Melbourne**, VicTas State Conference: Same, Same, But Different - are we still 'in it together'?, <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-vic-tas-conference/>
- **December 6 - 8 in Sydney**, ISANA 33rd National Conference, isanaconference.com

For more information about both upcoming and past PD, please visit <https://isana.org.au/pd/>

Vic/Tas March PD

Topics: Best Practice in International Student Engagement and Launch of the ISANA VicTas PD Calendar.

We had a great turn out to this in-person PD session in March, it was so lovely to see so many of you!

Resources from this session are available to ISANA Members via the ISANA website, <https://isana.org.au/pd/2023-march-30/>

Student resources for both Tertiary & Secondary Students from ISANA New Zealand

There have been some big movements with staffing the educational institutions in recent years and we are seeing an increase of new staffs starting to support our international students. Our colleagues at ISANA New Zealand has produced some comprehensive International Student Resources that not only helpful for newly arrived international students, but it is also a great area to start for new staff in the international student sphere to get to know the challenges that our students are facing and knowing ways that we can support them.

Check out the International Student Resources here: <https://www.isana.nz/student-resources>

Work limitation change to 48 hours per fortnight from 1 July 2023

While work hour limitation had been relaxed in the past few years, the work hours restriction has come into effect again, with the new limit of 48 hours for student visa

holders with no work restrictions. International Students who work in the aged care sectors can continue to work unrestricted hours, until 31 December 2023.

Find more details on Department of Home Affairs webpage on [Work restrictions for student visa holders](#).

Affordable Counselling for International Students

International Students have a new option to access counselling support – provided by Live Your Story counselling, international students can access **in-person** in West Melbourne or **online counselling** at an affordable fee.

See more details [HERE](#).

Sexual Assault and Harassment – Support for international students

1 in 10 international students have experienced sexual harassment in a university setting, and many of them do not report these incidents due to various barriers being international students. [This article from Insider Guides](#) explores how and where international students can seek help and support when facing sexual assaults and harassments, with some services such as [Sexual Assault Crisis Line \(SACL\)](#) providing crisis support with telephone interpreting.

33rd ISANA Conference

Abstract submission is still open, closing 1 August. For more information about submitting an abstract please visit the website, <https://isanaconference.com/abstracts>

Early Bird Registration is now open! To ensure you receive this discount, register now! <https://isanaconference.com/registration>