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Putting together a publication is never easy. It takes the work of many individuals in order to make it successful and interesting for the students of NMIT. SANITI is always interested in hearing from students and staff on what they enjoyed, or didn't enjoy about the VOS magazine. We also always welcome content! If you have anything you would like to share in the magazine please email [Ben - marketing@saniti.co.nz](mailto:Ben-marketing@saniti.co.nz) and he will endeavour to pop it in the next issue.

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Coverpage - To the two lads from the Adventure Tourism course - Tom Bandars and Pt Choate. Well done on the brilliant summer photo lads.

SANITI STUDENT SUPPORT

The Student Association offers support and guidance to all students. Come in or call to arrange an appointment for any StudyLink issues, support with Government agencies, and free confidential advice.

Community Law is another support service well used by the advocates and advice is often sought to ensure the best information is given to our students. All enquiries welcome - even just a chat. If we do not have the resources we will do our very best to direct you to someone who does.

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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Ahoy hoy!

So as you may have been aware I was meant to finish up at the end of last year... But I'm back for 2015!

Firstly a huge welcome to the new students taking on the challenge of tertiary study this year and welcome back to the returning students here to battle on with another one and a special welcome to the students studying at the new NMIT Auckland campus!

We here at SANITI have started off this year fizzing! This issue of VOS is mainly about employment and the job hunt! We all know the importance of working alongside study to pay bills and stuff. Thinking longer term doing things outside of study like work or even volunteering will look ace on a CV and show future employers that you have managed your time effectively whilst being a student. It all helps in the long run!

Anyhoo I hope you all have a fantastic year at NMIT wherever you're studying are around the country, smash out the study and get good grades! Remember it is important to find a good study/ life balance so try and walk away from the books every once in a while and go do something fun!



Finally,

As always I do rate a good natter so if you see me wandering about campus feel free to stop me for some solid banter or if you're off Nelson campus and want to fire me through an email about stuff and/or things do it!

Cheers,
Scott

SANITI'S NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT



SANITI would like to congratulate Abbey Paterson on being successfully elected into the position of Vice President. Abbey is studying Bachelor in Commerce and came onto the Student Executive in April 2014. As VP, Abbey will be working alongside Scott, the executive and staff, acting as a student representative at NMIT and in the community and generally supporting students. So if you see Abbey on campus say 'Hi' and let her know what is happening for you.

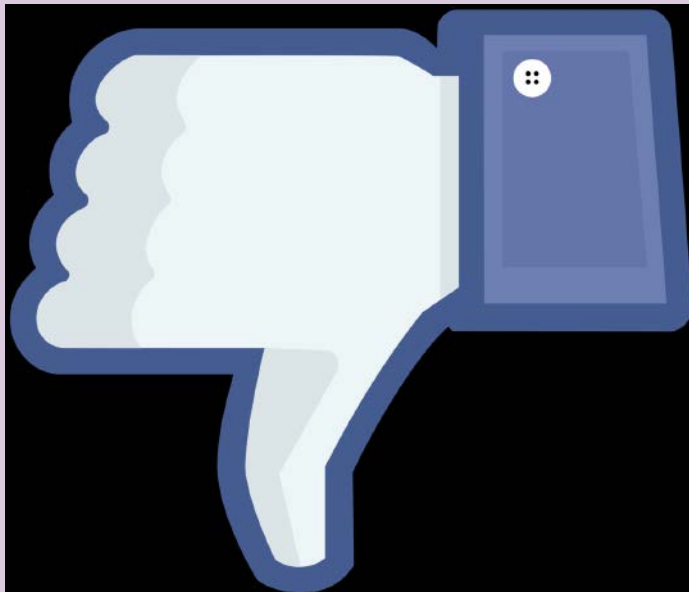
Abbey's take on being a Student Exec

Being a part of the student executive has been and is an invaluable experience. Being one of the representative voices for students and gaining an understanding of how SANITI works is really cool. If anything I have learnt that being a part of the bigger picture while studying is a great opportunity. SANITI gives amazing support to students, helping them get the most out of their studies. The exec members are all awesome people and their input at the meetings around goals, direction and voice is essential. Studying and being on the student exec is exciting, fun and full on at times but totally worth it.

SANITI NEWS IN BRIEF

ASSOCIATION MANAGER ALISON HART EXPLORES THE INS AND OUTS OF BEING POLITE ON SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES SUCH AS FACEBOOK

FACEBOOK. THINK AGAIN



Whatever you think about Facebook it is now a big part of student life. While it is a great way to keep in touch with friends and students studying on your programme, the Association is fielding an increasing number of concerns from students and staff in relation to 'comments' that have been posted/shared on Facebook.

THINK BEFORE YOU POST

If you wouldn't make the comment to a person face-to-face then **DON'T** post the comment on Facebook. I know you are going to tell me that your 'closed' Facebook group or privacy settings allows you to say what you think and that's what Facebook is about, but I am here to tell you to 'think again'. It takes seconds to post a phrase, a photo or a video, but once posted it is infinitely copy-able, eminently sharable, and remarkably permanent. That isn't something you can control with an invite list.

Who is to say somebody else in your group won't think the comment is inappropriate and share it with a friend or take a screen shot. What was meant to be funny, is often not seen as a joke by others. Don't think writing the comment in other languages gets you off the hook. One of the first complaints the Association dealt with was in Mandarin on Weibo. In that case the comments were easily translated and the harassment complaint upheld.



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Insulting a fellow student, co-worker or tutor is not ok and you only need to look at recent case law to see the consequences. Serious misconduct, harassment, bullying, bring an organisation in to disrepute and defamation are just a few of the allegations that have been upheld in recent times. With the Harmful Digital Communications Bill in the pipeline 'think again' before posting a comment will be even more important.

As Benjamin Franklin once said, *"Three can keep a secret if two are dead."* Obviously I wouldn't recommend this drastic measure, but just 'think again' before you post a comment and DON'T post it if you wouldn't make the comment to a person face-to-face is a good place to start.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR SETTINGS

Visit the wikihow link here to see more about being safe on Facebook. Afterall, it is a community of people like you and I!

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GLOBAL CAMPUS AUCKLAND



NMIT is due to open a new campus for international students in Auckland on the 20th April 2015. This exciting new venture forms part of NMIT's overall strategy and will be an important part of our education business going forward.


GCA is a joint venture between NMIT and Skills Update Training Institute (SUTI) who have previously worked with NMIT over the past 10 years on a number of our programmes. SUTI will be managing the operations in Auckland and are responsible for the recruitment of the GCA academic and administration teams as well as international recruitment to GCA.

NMIT will be running a number of programmes in Business, IT, Engineering and English Language for now. NMIT expects to attract students from all over the world but the Indian and Chinese markets are initially where we expect the majority of our students to be recruited. NMIT hopes to have over 500 students by 2016.

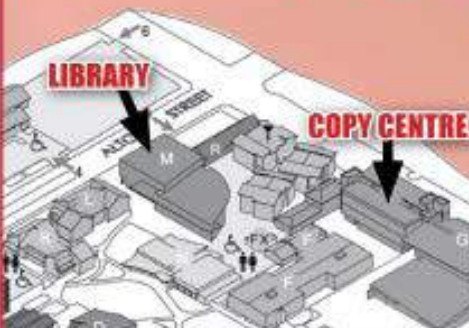
The new multi-storey GCA campus is in Upper Queen Street near to the busy Queen Street academic district of Auckland and close to the CBD. The campus building has been fully refurbished and will be a fantastic modern addition to NMIT facilities for our international students.

Getting the GCA project to the point of opening has been made possible by a huge effort from our teams at NMIT and SUTI so a big thanks to all concerned and we look forward to giving a warm NMIT welcome to our first GCA students in the coming weeks.


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GREEN EVER-GROWING MACHINE!

SANITI, now in its teen years (13 years old), has undergone a bit of a transformation during the summer holidays. This fresh new look was put together by Bachelor of Design student Katy Sinnott to help students understand a bit more about what SANITI does, and how we can help. Our new signage highlights some of a core services we provide for students – Support & Advocacy, Events, and Representation.

Recently, our team (and core services) has grown, with the addition of Employment Coordinator – Michael Cowie. He has a vast range of knowledge in recruitment, and is excited to help students find employment. If you are looking for a job, please feel free to email him (or stop by the SANITI office) at employment@saniti.co.nz

If you want to know more (or get involved with the Association) please check out our website – www.saniti.co.nz and Facebook page – www.facebook.com/sanitinz



INTRODUCING SANITI'S VERY OWN NINJA

The SANITI team is excited about appointing Michael as the Employment Coordinator here at the office. His go-to attitude and vast employment background make him the perfect person to see if you are a student looking for a little bit of help with finding a job. Read his bit of banter here, then come on into the office and introduce yourself

HELLO EVERYBODY!

I'm excited to have the opportunity to introduce myself here in the latest VOS! My wife will tell you given half a chance I will chew the hind legs off a donkey and that includes in written form so I'll try and keep it shortish!

Given that my new PASSION is helping NMIT students with employment related topics there's going to be a lot of talking and action going on so watch this space!!

Who am I and where did you come from I hear some of you asking. Great questions! My names Michael Cowie and I'm the NEW Employment Information Coordinator for SANITI based here on campus at NMIT. Primarily my role is to help YOU the student with employment in various capacities. In order to make opportunities happen I'm actively out in the community building relationships with not only students and staff but also local business and industry leaders to promote our amazing and diverse student base.

I've been fortunate to work in a number of industries in various positions. Primarily my background in recent years has been in the health and fitness industry, having run my own successful business for a number of years both in New Zealand and overseas as well as managing several large gyms for a national company in Wellington and Nelson.

I've worked as a recruitment consultant for an award winning company where I was responsible for the recruitment of contract, temporary and permanent staff for business's primarily based in the Wellington



region. I've also worked in corporate sales for Lion Nathan, been a team manager, project manager and team trainer for Eftpos New Zealand, worked as a tutor assistant at a university, taught self-defence classes and even done security work as a doorman! And that's just scratching the surface!

In all my roles I've always played an active part in recruitment and the employment process. I've coached, mentored and helped people to find new opportunities in their workplaces as well as assisted others to move onto bigger and better goals, leading them to achieve things they never thought possible.

With a career in health and fitness, I've always participated in regular physical activities such as martial arts, cross training, promoting health and wellbeing initiatives, and motivating others to achieve their personal best. I also have an interest in all things coffee, food, travel, music, reading, and writing.

I want everyone to have access to the right tools, people and the motivation and support that are needed to make changes in their employment situation happen no matter who they are and what their goals might be. That's where I come in! I'm a pretty open and honest person who's passionate and action orientated! I like to make things happen!

So drop me a line or call by the SANITI offices to see how I can help you!

See you at the top! The view is amazing!

Michael



4 THINGS MICHAEL CAN HELP YOU WITH STRAIGHT OFF THE BAT

1. **SUPPORT WITH YOUR INITIAL JOB APPLICATION AND SEARCH**
2. **POLISHING YOUR CV AND COVER LETTERS TO PRESENT YOU ON PAPER IN THE RIGHT WAY**
3. **INTERVIEW COACHING AND GUIDANCE**
4. **SOURCING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU**

HE'S HERE TO HELP EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AT SANITI, THEN POP INTO THE OFFICE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH MICHAEL!

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON THE SANITI JOB FRONT...

1. The Saniti website is getting a revamp to allow you to register online for your job hunt as well as provide a place for jobs to be posted, this will have full integration with social media like Facebook so there's no way you'll miss out on seeing all the important stuff!
2. Regular E-News that will include tips, tricks and ideas to help with your job search
3. More support around career guidance – deciding what path to take and how



TIPS AND TRICKS TO AID YOU IN YOUR

JOB HUNT



MICHAEL, THE EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR AT SANITI IS HERE TO HELP YOU ALL GET YOUR JOB HUNT SORTED!

In this first section I'm going to talk a little bit about CV's.

I'm not going to re-invent the wheel here BUT I will emphasis a few important points and things I've noticed in the past wee while that may help!

Keep this at the forefront of your mind when you think about your CV:

1. Be positive and optimistic when you're creating it, enjoy the process, do everything you can to create that attitude, right off the bat you need to back yourself - after all this is where you get to sell yourself

2. This is a living breathing document that is your opportunity to give a GREAT first impression to an employer. A CV's sole aim is to secure you an interview. It will constantly change and be updated as your experience expands.

3. It needs to be tailored to each individual job application. I spoke to a student recently who said he'd applied for 100 jobs with no response. My first question was "did you send the same CV and cover letter to all the job adverts?" "Yes" was his response.

- The CV contained spelling, punctuation and grammar errors.
- The work experience section only had a few lines and left me confused as to what the responsibilities in his job actually were.
- The personal statement was something taken from a website that contained words and language that sounded so foreign it couldn't have come from him, he didn't even understand what it meant. Be honest here, what is it that floats your boat?, what is it that you want to achieve out of your career?, what are your career aspirations? – keep it simple
Eg: If you're applying for a role as an accounts assistant as well as a position in retail you're going to need to cater it to the different skill requirements of each job (that goes for the cover letter also).

4. Always put yourself in the employer's shoes and think about what I said about **first impressions**. As an employer a CV tells me a lot about a person, straight off the bat if you can't spell and communicate in written form then its huge turn off – I'm going to put you're CV in the NO pile (it looks like you aren't taking it seriously). That means that I don't even get to read about your work experience - even if its extensive.

- You don't want an employer to be confused about your CV or have to work hard to understand it, specially your work experience. If I'm confused then your probably going in the NO pile.
- Your CV needs to be clearly set out without using millions of different fancy fonts, colours and graphics. Make sure it's easy to read and flows naturally without any grammar or punctuation mistakes.
- Use one of the CV templates on line at careers.govt.nz as a good

starting point

- Use fonts that are easy to read like Ariel, Calibri, Times New Roman and sizes for your main text from 10 to 12

5. Keep it short, up to date and relevant. An employer doesn't need to know about the highly commended prize you got a primary school for cake baking (but well done!).

6. Bring out key achievements in your CV from your personal or work experience to set you apart from others. Often achievements no matter how small or big can show an employer important attributes about you as a person eg: your drive, organisational ability, motivation etc etc – sell yourself!

“As an employer a CV tells me a lot about a person, straight off the bat”

7. Include dates on your CV for your work experience that include the month and the year eg: March 2012 – April 2013. As an employer I want to know how long you worked for that company right down to the months. By putting a year only you're leaving it up to the employer to guess or make an assumption.

8. It's also really important that you list relevant and recent referees with up to date contact details. They need to be people who can give an honest and accurate account of you to a prospective employer. Always ask them if it's ok to put their names down and make sure you inform them that you are actively applying for positions. Remember contacting your referees will often be the last step employers do before they decide if you are successful in obtaining the job or not ! so make sure they are the right people!

Taking the above into account have a crack at creating a CV. Then get in touch with me to help you polish it into a document that you'd be proud to represent you!

Remember I'm here to help every step of the way.





An American Insight into the country we call home - New Zealand

Writing, regardless of what anyone tells you is an act of creation. More often than not how you chose to write as well as what you write, can be a rather intimate window for readers into you as a person. Normally I write about various self-improvement related subjects, using my own terrible, humiliating and at most time's hilarious life experiences as a foil. As kiwis we raise self-deprecation to a finely tuned art form, a type of genteel self-mockery if you will. The problem with that is while we pour praise upon others, we are eternally critical of ourselves and other kiwis. Taking this on board it can be a bit difficult for your average DIY New Zealander, but sometimes when you want the clearest picture of yourself, you need to ask those who know you. As New Zealanders sometimes we forget how lucky we are. So I decided to ask a pair of confident street wise Americans who recently washed up on our shores for their impressions of our country.

By Jaycob Brown

What they thought before coming to New Zealand

1. "Maori culture is certainly prominent when considering New Zealand from an outsider's perspective. As Americans, we underestimated the degree of integration that Maori culture has within modern NZ institutions -- such as schools, municipalities, and various institutions - it is impressive.

In the U.S., the native, indigenous tribes -- the Native Americans -- have been relegated to the periphery of American consciousness and culture".

2. "We did consider New Zealand, in our manifold ignorance, to be a blend of UK and Australian sensibilities. Considering neither of us had been to Australia, this was a purely speculative sentiment. Unlike the Australian and UK accents, the NZ accent is almost impossible to mimic".

3. "As New Zealand is widely considered to be among the most beautiful countries in the world for natural beauty -- we assumed Kiwis actively cultivated a culture of environmental reverence and conservation".

4. "We assumed New Zealand -- because of its formidable stature is a country rife with environmental beauty and possessed sectors of employment more inclined towards tourism and environmental stewardship. It is a more outdoors-centric employment atmosphere".

How they feel about NZ now

1. "We had notions of how beautiful NZ was, but it's impossible to truly be prepared for the endless and astonishing majesty of the NZ landscape when witnessing it with one's own eyes".

2. "Meeting new people and forging relationships can always be challenging, but the easy-going and cordial nature of most Kiwis here was a welcome surprise, particularly when comparing it to the dynamic of living in Washington D.C, a city of ladder-climbing, name-dropping cast of cut-throat business professionals, politicians, and defense contractors".

3. "Finding employment here in Nelson was initially very challenging, and a wee bit demoralizing. Coming from a hyper-competitive job culture where self-importance and perceived excellence must be trumpeted to the heavens, we realized a pivot to NZ employers would require a more toned-down, amiable, and personable outreach effort".

4. "The U.S. is a land first and foremost for beer-drinkers. But since living in Nelson, we've most definitely come to appreciate the fine selection of wine on offer. Our appreciation has.... grown considerably. Some may call that an understatement".

5. "It's refreshing to see a town like Nelson showcase a vibrant small-business ethos. An analogous U.S. town would have a much larger franchised population of retailers as compared to smaller mom-and-pop storefronts".

6. "We were generally unaware of the pricing here, but figured that because of NZ's remote location and island-country status, the prices of general goods would be elevated compared to the United States".

In general both have had really positive experiences, the only downsides were the cost of things e.g. food and House hold stuff. They also found the internet in

New Zealand marginal compared to the states to it mildly. All those things aside one of them enjoyed it so much he's planning on staying. You can't really get a better endorsement than that. So New Zealand you may feel great about yourself.



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MOVIE REVIEWS BY



FURIOUS 7



Fast & Furious 7

Continuing the global exploits in the unstoppable franchise built on speed, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson lead the returning cast of Fast & Furious 7. James Wan directs this chapter of the hugely successful series that also welcomes back favorites Michelle Rodriguez, Jordana Brewster, Tyrese Gibson, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Elsa Pataky and Lucas Black. They are joined by international action stars new to the franchise including Jason Statham, Djimon Hounsou, Tony Jaa, Ronda Rousey and Kurt Russell. While the movie does have a disjointed feeling and some terribly clichéd dialogue, for those who have loved the franchise you won't be disappointed and as an ode to Paul walker it certainly delivers.

A Little Chaos

A romantic drama following Sabine (Kate Winslet), a strong-willed and talented landscape designer, who is chosen to build one of the main gardens at King Louis XIV's new palace at Versailles. In her new position of power, she challenges gender and class barriers while also becoming professionally and romantically entangled with the court's renowned landscape artist André Le Notre (Matthias Schoenaerts). This movie boasts great performances and some of the most memorable are by Alan Rickman as King Louis (who also directs), Stanley Tucci as King Louis flamboyant brother. Whilst this movie won't set the world on fire, for those who enjoy romantic period drama this movie is an easy, comfortable watch.



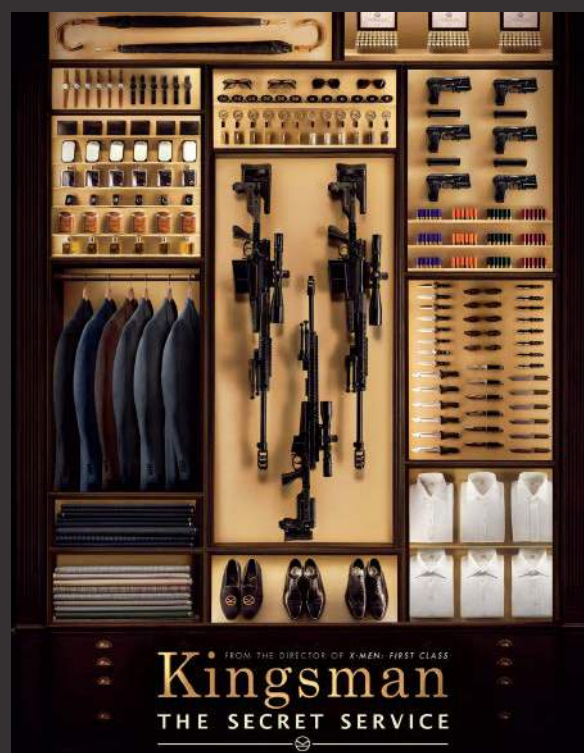


Infinitely Polar Bear

Unable to hold down a job, Cam (Mark Ruffalo) who has been diagnosed with manic-depressive disorder in 1967 suffers a devastating nervous breakdown and winds up in a mental hospital; Maggie (Zoe Saldana) is forced to give up their countryside manse and move with the girls into a small apartment in Boston, where she struggles to provide for them. For reasons not disclosed until later, no support is forthcoming from Cam's wealthy family; any relatives on Maggie's side go unseen and unmentioned. As Cam takes his meds and steadily recovers, Maggie proposes a plan: Having been recently accepted into Columbia's MBA program, she'll move to New York and earn her degree in 18 months, during which Cam will look after the girls full-time. It's a terrifying idea for both parents, but just crazy enough (so to speak) to work. Ruffalo as Cam is inspired his performance at times is hard to watch but only because it's so believable. The casting here is excellent. Ruffalo always delivers, and opposite the luminous vulnerability of Saldana he engages with his audience in the perfectly fractured way his character demands. Both girls have a natural ease to their performances and augment their more seasoned co-stars nicely.

Kingsman: The Secret Service

Based upon the acclaimed comic book and directed by Matthew Vaughn (Kick Ass, X-Men First Class), Kingsman: The Secret Service tells the story of a super-secret spy organization that recruits an unrefined but promising street kid into the agency's ultra-competitive training program just as a global threat emerges from a twisted tech genius. For those who think James Bond has gotten a little too serious in his old age, "Kingsman: The Secret Service" brings the irreverence back to the British spy genre, offering a younger, streetwise variation on the 007 formula while gleefully pushing audiences' favorite elements. Colin Firth is both ludicrously British and modern-day Hollywood in Kingsman: The Secret Service. His Harry Hart muses on the importance of a bespoke suit one moment and dispatches a band of villains with precise alacrity and nifty gadgets the next. Worth a watch!



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