



Darebin Overseas Student Advisory
Committee

Darebin Overseas Student Association (DOSA) Newsletter, December 2011

Well, the weather might be a bit strange – cool one day, and warm the next - but things are hotting up for DOSA. The end of the year is just around the corner and we are going to be very busy over the next few weeks.

DOSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

DOSA is having a Christmas Party and you are all invited:

15 December 2011, 6.30-9pm, Northland Youth Centre

Halal and vegetarian food will be provided.

Please RSVP by Monday 12th December at dosa@divrs.org.au or 9480 8205

DOSA Summer Camp, 15-17 January 2012

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15TH DECEMBER

Come join us for a 3 day camp near the beach in the beautiful Australian bush. The DOSA camp is aimed at overseas students, who live or study in Darebin and who want to be involved with DOSA during 2011.

The camp will be a fun holiday by the beach as well as the opportunity for overseas students to get to know each other better. Help build DOSA by sharing your ideas about what it should do in 2012. Make friends and build DOSA as a team. Have a great time visiting the beach, doing activities in the camp's beautiful bush setting, canoeing, bike riding, cooking delicious meals and just relaxing.

The camp is highly subsidised by the government to make it affordable. It will be held at the Angahook Holiday Camp. The camp will run for 3 days and 2 nights, and includes transport between Melbourne and the campsite.

- **When:** 15th January to 17th January 2012
- **Cost:** \$60

HOW TO BOOK? We have room for 35 overseas students only at this camp. To be considered for this camp fill in an enrolment form, which can be found at www.divrs.org.au/dosa or leave a message at 9480 8205 or dosa@divrs.org.au and we can send you one.

Enrolments close on **15th December**. Send the fully completed form to:

- Email: dosa@divrs.org.au
- Post: DOSA at DIVRS, 285-287 High St.Preston, 3072
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If selected you will be required to attend the **compulsory camp orientation** on:
Thursday 12th of January, 6.30-8.30pm.

EXCITING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

DOSA has some volunteer opportunities for overseas students who want to contribute to DOSA, have fun and maybe even gain some valuable work experience.

Drop In Session Peer Leaders

DOSA needs overseas students to volunteer their time to program, organise and host the DOSA Drop In sessions during the summer. DOSA's Drop In sessions are very important as well as being fun. They are a chance for overseas students to meet, chat, make friends and hang out. They can also be a place for games, activities, making art, watching movies, singing karaoke, or doing workshops. The Drop In Sessions happen every week on Thursday (6.30-9pm) and Sunday (3-6pm). If you want to know more about the Drop In sessions or about this exciting volunteer opportunity then look at the link below to find out more:

<http://darebinoverseasstudents.wordpress.com/2011/12/02/volunteer-opportunity-exciting-short-term-volunteer-position-as-drop-in-session-organiser/>

Help us to set up and run our Christmas Party

We need helpers to make our Christmas Party is fun and stress free. If you have any time to help plan or decorate or clean up, even if it's just an hour or two, then be sure to contact Meredith at DOSA at dosa@divrs.org.au to let her know.

Operation O-Week

DOSA will be involved in Orientation activities at LaTrobe and NMIT at the beginning of next year (probably February / March). We will need people to help us plan, organise, make and staff a major promotional orientation campaign. This will be an exciting opportunity, so if you're interested then contact Meredith at dosa@divrs.org.au and let her know.

DOSA CONTACT DETAILS:

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2012 will be an exciting year for DOSA. 2012 will be the year that DOSA moves towards being an independent organisation. As well as social events where you can relax and chat, we will be offering a program of activities give overseas students the chance to learn new skills, develop as a team and as leaders, gain the confidence to run an organisation, and plan for an exciting future. Keep looking at our web page, facebook page and newsletters to see what we are doing and get involved. Enjoy the summer and your break from study, and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party.

Meredith

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