#### Magill College Sydney

## Newsletter



# MAGILL EXPANSION

We're excited to celebrate the opening of our new campus at George St! This winter, as the chilly winds blow, we're bringing warmth and happiness to our students with our state-of-the- art facilities and welcoming environment. Our new George St campus is designed to provide an exceptional learning experience, helping you to grow and succeed in your journey. With modern classrooms, cozy study areas, and vibrant communal spaces, you'll find the perfect balance of comfort and inspiration.

Join us this winter and experience the warmth of our dedicated team, the joy of learning, and the thrill of new opportunities. Let's embark on this journey together and make this winter a season of growth and happiness.

#### **ELICOS Corner**

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#### Financial Tips to Get Through Tough Times

Facing financial difficulties can be overwhelming, but with the right strategies, you can manage your resources effectively and regain control. In this guide, we'll explore practical financial tips to help you weather tough times and build a more secure future.

#### Japanese Cultural Event

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as we dive into the vibrant world of Japanese culture with Aiko San!



#### Fun and Affordable Activities in Sydney

Sydney is a city brimming with exciting activities that won't break the bank. Whether you're a local or a visitor, here are some budget-friendly ways to enjoy all that this vibrant city has to offer:



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Our state-of-the-art classrooms are equipped with advanced language labs, ensuring a comprehensive and immersive learning experience. Our curriculum and teaching materials are continuously updated to reflect the latest trends and developments in the ELICOS field.

Beyond academics, our curriculum includes a variety of fun and engaging excursions, providing students with enriching cultural and social experiences. We look forward to welcoming new students to our vibrant learning community!



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Dr. Ruzbeh BABAEE ELICOS MANAGER

Dr. Ruz's journey in teaching
English began in 2005. His passion for education was inspired
by his parents, who were also
educators. After earning his PhD
in English, he continued to teach
in various countries, including
Malaysia, China, Iran, and several
European nations such as the UK,
Belgium, and Portugal.

As an established educator, Dr. Ruz has contributed his knowledge through the publication of numerous books, articles, and fictional stories focused on English language and literature. These works enable him to share his teaching experiences and provide valuable insights to those aspiring to follow a similar path.

As the new ELICOS Manager at Magill College, Dr. Ruz aims not only to teach English but also to instill confidence in students to use the language effectively in their daily lives. His dedication is focused on enhancing the learning experience and helping students reach their full potential.





Navigating through tough financial times can be challenging, but with the right strategies, you can weather the storm and come out stronger.

At Magill College Sydney, we understand the financial concerns our students face, especially in uncertain times. Whether you're dealing with unexpected expenses, a loss of income, or just trying to make ends meet, these financial tips will help you manage your money wisely and stay on track toward your goals

#### 1. Minimise Unnecessary

Cash Drains identify and eliminate financial leaks by reviewing automatic payments, turning off unused appliances, and switching to smaller mobile plan providers to reduce unnecessary expenses.

#### 2. Plan Ahead

Save more by planning your purchases. Bulk buying non-perishables, growing your own vegetables, and using cost-effective alternatives like soapberries for laundry can significantly cut costs.

#### 3. Cut Out Bad Habits

Reduce spending by cutting back on excessive drinking, gambling,

and avoiding games with microtransactions. These habits can quickly drain your finances if not kept in check.

#### 4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Adopt sustainable practices to save money. Invest in reusable items like keep cups and water bottles, buy loose produce, learn to mend clothes, purchase refurbished equipment, and shop at discount warehouses.

#### 5. Consolidate Debt

Consider consolidating multiple debts into a single loan to potentially reduce interest payments and simplify your financial management

#### 6. Open a Term Deposit Account

Lock away your savings in a term deposit account to prevent impulsive spending and earn interest over a fixed period.

#### 7. Track Your Money-Saving Progress

Regularly monitor and adjust your savings plan to ensure you're meeting your financial goals. Periodic check-ins can help you stay on track and make necessary adjustments.



#### **Growing Your Own Vegetables**

You can find activities that are both enjoyable and money-saving, whether you do them with your family or on your own. For example, growing your own vegetables is a great way to reduce your grocery bill. Here are some easy-to-grow vegetables that offer multiple yields:

- Snow ped
- Herbs like basil, coriander, and mint
- Green beans
- Leafy greens like lettuce Shallots/spring onions



### Japanese Cultural Event

#### **Magill College Sydney Hosts** a Vibrant Japanese Cultural Event for Students

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Magill College Sydney proudly hosted a vibrant Japanese Cultural Event on Wednesday, 21 August 2024, exclusively for our ELICOS students. The event was designed to immerse our students in the rich and fascinating traditions of Japan, providing them with a memorable cultural experience alongside their studies.

Led by the talented and passionate Aiko-san, the event featured a variety of activities that allowed students to engage directly with Japanese culture. Highlights included:

Yukata Wearing: Students had the opportunity to dress in traditional yukata, experiencing firsthand the elegance and comfort of this iconic Japanese garment.

Full Lunch with Paired Beverages: A delicious Japanese lunch was served, complete with traditional beverages such as Sake, offering an authentic taste of Japan.

Calligraphy Demonstration: Aiko-san demonstrated the art of Japanese calligraphy, giving students a chance to learn and appreciate this timeless skill.

Tea Ceremony: The event also included a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, where students learned about the ritualistic preparation and enjoyment of tea.

Japanese Desserts: To round out the culinary experience, a selection of Japanese desserts was served, showcasing the unique flavors of Japanese sweets.

To ensure that the day was captured beautifully, we provided free picture and video services, allowing students to take home lasting memories of their cultural exploration.

At Magill College, we deeply value and respect the diversity of cultures and believe in the importance of providing our students with enriching experiences beyond the classroom. This event was a perfect opportunity for our students to unwind, connect with their peers, and learn about the traditions of Japan in a fun and engaging way.

We are incredibly grateful to Aiko-san for her dedication and enthusiasm in sharing her cultural heritage with our students. Her involvement brought an authentic touch to the event, making it a truly special day for everyone involved.

In the end, our students not only had a great time but also left with a deeper understanding and appreciation of Japanese culture. We look forward to continuing to offer such culturally enriching experiences for our students in the future.













### Japanese Yukata Wearing

The yukata is a traditional Japanese garment, a casual summer kimono made of cotton or synthetic fabric. Its history dates back to the Heian period (794-1185), where it originated as a simple bathrobe called a "yukatabira." These were worn by court nobles after bathing to protect their skin from the steam of hot baths.

Over time, the yukata evolved from its bathhouse origins into a more fashionable and versatile garment. By the Edo period (1603-1868), it had become popular among commoners, who began wearing it at festivals, during the summer months, and even as casual everyday attire. The design and colors of yukata became more varied and vibrant, reflecting individual tastes and regional styles.

In modern Japan, the yukata is commonly worn during summer festivals (matsuri), fireworks displays (hanabi), and other seasonal events. It is also popular as loungewear at traditional inns (ryokan) and hot spring resorts (onsen). The yukata remains a symbol of summer in Japan, blending traditional aesthetics with contemporary fashion.



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### Fun and Affordable Activities in Sydney

"Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind, and fills your life with stories to tell." — Paula Bendfeldt —

Looking to make the most of your time in Sydney without breaking the bank? Whether you're a student or just trying to enjoy the city on a budget, Sydney offers a variety of fun and affordable activities that cater to all interests.

1. Stroll Through the Royal Botanic Garden: Enjoy a peaceful walk in the heart of the city at the Royal Botanic Garden. With free entry, you can explore the stunning landscapes, discover native plants, and even catch a glimpse of the iconic Sydney Opera House.

2. Visit the Art Gallery of New South Wales: Dive into Sydney's vibrant art scene with a visit to the Art Gallery of New South Wales. Entry to the permanent collections is free, offering you a chance to admire Australian, European, and Asian art, as well as contemporary pieces.

#### 3. Explore the Markets:

Sydney is home to numerous markets, each offering a unique experience. From fresh produce at the Bondi Farmers Market to handmade crafts at the Glebe Markets, you can enjoy browsing and sampling

local goods without spending much.

4. Take a Coastal Walk: Experience Sydney's breathtaking coastline with the Bondi to Coogee walk. This scenic 6 km trail offers stunning views of the ocean, beaches, and cliffs. Pack a picnic and enjoy a day out in nature, all for free.

5. Enjoy Live Music: Many bars and venues around Sydney offer free live music nights. Check out local favorites like the Oxford Art Factory or the Soda Factory for a great night out without the cover charge.



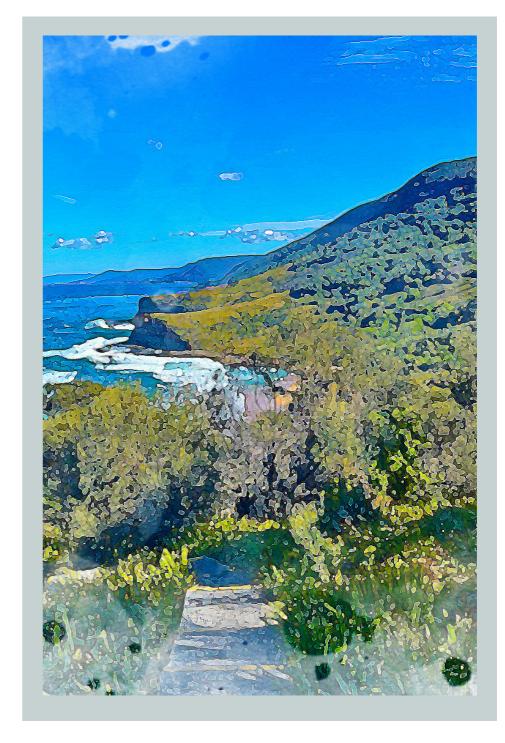






The Rocks is one of Sydney's oldest neighborhoods, established in 1788 with the arrival of the First Fleet. Originally a rough area for convicts and settlers, it was known for its crowded living conditions and markets. By the 20th century, conservation efforts transformed The Rocks into a vibrant cultural and tourist destination, preserving its historic charm and making it a popular spot for visitors.







At Magill College Sydney, we encourage our students to explore all that this incredible city has to offer. These activities not only provide entertainment but also offer a great way to learn more about Sydney's culture, history, and natural beauty—all while staying within budget.

So, whether you're looking for a relaxing day in nature, a dive into art and culture, or just a fun outing with friends, Sydney has something for everyone. Make the



6. Visit Museums and Cultural Centers: Many of Sydney's museums and cultural centers offer free or discounted entry. The Museum of Contemporary Art and the Australian National Maritime Museum often have free exhibitions, making it easy to soak up some culture on a budget.

7. Relax at the Beach: Sydney's beaches are world-renowned and free to visit. Spend a day lounging on the sands of Bondi, Manly, or Bronte Beach, and enjoy the surf, sun, and sand.



most of your time here by exploring these affordable activities and discovering what makes Sydney so special.

### Don't fake a doctor's certificate

In our latest cartoon strips, beautifully illustrated by **Andrea Vasek**, we delve into the story of a student who, instead of seeking genuine medical care, opted to purchase a fake doctor's note online. Through vibrant illustrations and a compelling narrative, this cautionary tale sheds light on the risks and consequences of taking shortcuts. It underscores the importance of facing health issues with honesty and integrity, emphasising that genuine solutions are always the best choice.



1. "sooo sick..can't go to school"



2. "worried about attendance"



3. "Bought fake medical certificate"



4. "sent the fake certificate to Magill"



6. "Every documents get checked at Magill"



7. "Fake!!!!"



8. "Called in for Misconduct Hearing-so scary"



"Counselled by Magill Admin and tell the truth"



10. "See the real doctor"



11. "Everything is OK"

