Hello First Years!!!

Hi it’s us again! By now you have read our welcome letter and are itching to know what we have planned for you with O Week. Well here it is. Take some time to read this schedule as it maps out when, what and where you need to be during O Week.

Our details are below so don’t hesitate to contact us if you are struggling to put all the pieces together – but most of all don’t stress. It may all look daunting but there are plenty of people here at Murdoch to support and guide you through O Week and the whole of your first year. Murdoch is a special place and we are excited that you have chosen to join our community.

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Add our Ptam profile to your Facebook© friends and join our on-line community. It’s how we can let you know about all things First Year; upcoming special event days, activities and general happenings around campus, and it keeps you in-touch with your support network.

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Discoverers – Welcome to Murdoch University!

Orientation Week is an essential step in your transition to becoming a University student.

We’ve planned a number of activities which will give you lots of opportunity to experience the helpful and friendly atmosphere at Murdoch.

The program has been designed to equip you with all the necessary information you need to get you on the right track before you set off, so settle back and make the most of it.

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O Week is…

Orientation week. That is, the week in which orientation takes place. The Macquarie Dictionary (1997) offers a definition of orientation week as:

…usually the week before formal teaching begins, in which students are orientated to their new environment (1997:1519)

In those rare moments when we lose orientation, we don’t know where we are; and we don’t know where or what things are either…

(Taylor, 1990:4)

So far so good, but there’s more to orientating new students to university than merely showing you around. Certainly that’s an important aspect of it, but it’s just as important to feel part of a community of like minded people, so O Week at Murdoch is about providing you with opportunities to get to know the academic and administrative staff who’ll figure prominently in your life for the next few years.

It’s also about letting you know about the facilities and support services that we have in place to help make your experience as a student as rewarding and enjoyable as possible. Yet, just as valuable, it’s about providing you with opportunities to meet and get to know your fellow students; those who will go through many of the same things as you and who can be some of the best sources of friendship and support you may ever encounter.
What do I need to attend?

Whilst we don’t expect you to spend the whole week on campus, you will need to commit to being here for at least 2 days and it is a good idea to spend longer here if you can. Considering that, as a full-time student, Murdoch will be a huge part of your life for the next 3 to 6 years (longer for part-time students) an investment of time this week could potentially save you plenty down the track.

Get that academic advice to make the right decisions from the start and find out about the resources and support services that the University offers BEFORE you need them.

Remember that Orientation is more than just finding out about Uni. It’s also about meeting the people you will be sitting next to, the ones you will be doing your group assignments with, the people who, in the first instance, you may turn to for help – your fellow students!!! The importance of university friendships should never be undervalued.
Here is a guide to the O Week sessions content:

- **Discover** – All about Murdoch and what you should expect here.

- **Support** – Who can help you? Find out before you need it. This session is brought to you by Murdoch’s Equity, Health and Counselling and Scholarships offices.

- **Investigate** – Your course advice session. Find out what your options are and how your Program Chair can help you. This session will provide you with valuable information relating to your course, units, and enrolment options and it is **essential that you attend**.

- **Student Learning** – The Student Learning team provide some excellent tips and pointers on how to be a successful student in your studies at university.

- **Information Technology** – Find out how to access your on-line learning materials and make the most out of your MyMurdoch student portal.

- **Library** – Our friendly and helpful staff will provide information on Library access, general use, and copyright information that you will need to know.

**All that and we’ll even throw in a free lunch on the day of your Orientation**

On Orientation day you’ll see that we’ve scheduled in a **Lunch** in the Courtyard. This is a free lunch but you will beed to wear your **coloured Lanyard** in order to receive it. It’s that easy!!!
## O Week Timetable

### Friday 6 February

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<td>2.00pm – 4.00pm</td>
<td>Garden City Shopping Trip</td>
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**Sunday 15 February**  
**Make up Orientation Sessions – Love our Latecomer Students**
For those students that either arrived late into Perth, or could not attend the earlier sessions due to extenuating circumstances or late offers, we will be running some condensed sessions. Please note that these sessions will include those highlighting the University support roles and a brief overview of MyMurdoch but will not include the Investigate course advice session.

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Courtyard Level 2 ECL Building

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Campus Map

- ACROD Parking
- Reserved Parking
- Red parking zone
- Green parking zone
- Bike Rack
- Library Visitor Parking
- Motorcycle Parking
- Service Bay
- Loading Zone
- Post Box
- Emergency Call Button
- Cafe or food outlet

- NORTH
- SOUTH
- EAST
- WEST

- ADMINISTRATION & COMMON TEACHING
- ENGINEERING NORTH

- Tutorial Rooms
- Research
- Loading Zone 1

- Bookshop – Level 2
- Commercial Services – Level 2
- Tutorial Rooms
- Coffee Shop
- Lecture Theatres
- PABX Room
- Communications Tower

- ENGINEERING SOUTH

- Staff Offices
- Staff Room
- KIEP
- KLICK – Level 2

- ARTS, COMMERCE AND EDUCATION

- Arts and Commerce
- Conference Room
- Student Computer Labs
- Student Lounge
- Guild Office
- Kulbardi Aboriginal Office
- School of Education

- PLANT

- Chiller Plant
- Electrical

- LIBRARY

- Children’s Library
- Computer Labs
- Student Learning
- Library Foyer (Functions)

- LECTURE THEATRE

- REFERENCE

- LECTURE THEATRE

- TAFE Campus
- Transperth Bus Stop
- Photovoltaic Cell Array
- Agora - Ampitheatre

- DIXON ROAD

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Bookshop

Have your unit codes ready and go to the Murdoch University Bookshop website at: http://bookshop.murdoch.edu.au/

Or visit

Rockingham Campus
Dixon Road, Rockingham, W.A. 6168
Telephone: (08) 9360 7048
Fax: (08) 9360 7088
Location: Administration Building
Email: bookshop@murdoch.edu.au

You can order online through the website (books can be purchase from the website and sent to you at a cost of $15 postage)
Upcoming First Year Experience Events for 2009: Look Out for…

• **Helping Hand Day:**
  Week 2 of Semester 1 and Semester 2
  Find all your support services in one place, held in the Learning Common area of the Library, Bush Court level. Grab a coffee, ask a question, get some advice if you need it, and pick up your free copy of the M-Guide.

• **Stamp Out Stress Day:**
  Week 12 of Semester 1 and Semester 2
  Towards the end of each semester we have a day of stress relief that involves lots of fun, interactive and - most importantly – stress free activities in the lead up to exams. Get info and advice on exam study techniques, health and well-being, and take time out to give yourself a break.

• **Firstival! End of First Year Party:**
  Week 14 of Semester 2
  You work hard all year and we want to celebrate your efforts by throwing you a party! Pretty cool, huh? Free live music, good food and lots of prizes to be won.
  Hey - you earned it, it’s the least we can do!!!