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"Don't Limit Yourself"

Welcome to the July issue of Pacific Reflections!

I want to share my thoughts on a matter close to my heart on "Don't limit Yourself". In dealing with limitations, one needs to realize that many people limit themselves to what they think they can do and how far they can go. But I want you TO REALIZE THAT You can go as far as your mind lets you and you can achieve what you desire to achieve what matters is how you limit yourself and do what you limit yourself to.

In the quest to overcome limitations, you must learn to resist both internal and external limitations on your way to the next level of life.

Each one of us has aims, and as we move forward in life, our ambitions change, and we set ourselves certain goals. But more often than we realize, we restrict the goals we set for ourselves. We suffer from self-doubt, and our insecurities of which we are not even aware instill inhibitions that spread roots and branches in our minds. The result? Self-imposed internal limits on us, our goals, ambitions, potential, and imagination. We lose faith in ourselves, and at times, we don't even realize it.

At times, our inability to take risks and go beyond the defined boundary becomes so internalized that we do not even realize how we clip our own wings

You can overcome external limits that are sometimes imposed on us by how we look, people's perceptions and our cultural backgrounds.

Most cardinal to overcome any limit is hard work. Hard Work is faith that you will win. It's the actionable belief that whatever is in front of you stands no chance against your determination and will. We don't work hard because it's a painfully long process that makes us question ourselves. Always remember that limitations are weaker than your hard work. Stay consistent with effort and don't feed into your feelings and emotions that are inconsistent with your goal.

These years set your goals higher and tell yourself you can overcome any limits and obstacles in front of you. In July, we will be celebrating 16 years of offering Education to international students and we are finalists in Cumberland Local Business Awards.



We sincerely hope all our students have a rewarding and memorable experience at Pacific College of Technology and we look forward to celebrating all your future successes.

Enjoy reading this issue of Pacific Reflections!

" Don't limit yourself"
Pradip Dhakal



Events



Clean Up Australia Day 2018

PCT staff participated in Clean Up Australia Day 2018 by picking up trash and cleaning the college and its surroundings. We follow the philosophy of let us all look after our environment and surroundings as someone has rightly said cleanliness is next to godliness.



Sports Day 2018

The much-awaited Sports Day was held on Tuesday 6th of March 2018. The weather was favorable, and the day went perfectly well with heaps of sports events and BBQ. Students, Staff and Trainers had a fun day. Our Principal Mr. Pradip Dhakal also participated in the games.



Brekky Day 2018

As usual the College organized Brekky day for PCT students during Term II. Students, Staff and Trainers had a fun sharing the breakfast and networking with each other.

Useful Information for Students



Do not forget to download PCT APP!

PCT students can download on your Smartphone the PCT APP, it's available on Google Play and App Store. It's important that our student's make a maximum use of it, this app has been made user-friendly. If you need some assistance, please contact us.

Changes from DIBP to Department of Home Affairs.

Australian Government has recently established the Home Affairs Portfolio, including the Department of Home Affairs, which is part of the most significant change to Australia's national security and intelligence arrangements in decades. The Portfolio brings together Australia's federal law enforcement, national and transport security, criminal justice, emergency management, multicultural affairs and immigration and border-related functions and agencies, working together to keep Australia safe.
<http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

Facts about Student Visas

The Department can lawfully grant a visa based on a valid CoE even if the course has commenced. The Department has no obligation to request a late arrival letter. The Department will not request late arrival letters except in very exceptional and sensitive circumstances.

The Department of Home Affairs reminds providers they must cancel the CoE in PRISMS if they are no longer willing to admit the student after course commencement has passed. Providers may also amend or issue a new CoE if the course dates change before a visa is finalized.

Finishing a course early

Students must remain enrolled or they are in breach of student visa condition 8202. Two common scenarios are:

The student has changed course to a shorter course. In this case, the student is required to leave Australia or make a valid application for a new visa within 28 days of the end of their enrollment.

The student completes a study of the course, for which their visa was granted, early. The Department will not take any action against the student for being unenrolled for three months. Students should be aware that if they breach other conditions, their visa may be canceled.

Change of Minimum cost of living for Student Visa purposes Australia

The Department of Home Affairs has also now updated the financial requirements for student visa applicants for Australia. From 01 February 2018 minimum funds to be shown as 12 months living costs are:

Student - \$20,290

Partner or spouse - \$7,100

Child - \$3,040

All costs are per year in Australian dollars.



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

The Australian Government provides information and guidance on managing your finances. You can read more at www.moneysmart.gov.au

Student Welcome Desk

Australia really seems to be concerned about the international students who come to the country, to begin an exceptional educational career. As an outcome of this, a help desk has been launched to help solve the problem that students face on arrival. The desk is at the Sydney International Airport to help those students who arrive in Australia for the first time. It is called the International Student Airport Welcome Desk. Knowing the hassles of first time students, after arriving at the Sydney International airport, gave rise to this unique and useful idea. Speaking about the same Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Stuart Ayres, said, "Recent surveys have highlighted that the first 24 hours is crucial to students forming their perspectives about studying and living in New South Wales. Experience shows implementing simple gestures, like a welcome desk, encourages students to return as ambassadors for the State and supports further growth in the sector."

He added "The International Student Airport Welcome Desk serves as a gateway, whether students are arriving in Sydney or traveling on to regional New South Wales to their education institution." The unique facility to foreign students is financed by the by Study NSW, Destination NSW, and key education partners including the NSW Department of Education. The Australian welcome desk also receives support from the Council of International Students Australia (CISA). For the convenience of the students, the help desk is made available directly opposite Arrivals Hall A in T1 at Sydney International Airport.

When you arrive at Sydney International Airport, you will be able to visit the International Student Welcome Desk. The Welcome Desk is staffed by student volunteers who will be able to help you with general information and provide you with guides and maps for Sydney.

For detailed information on the location please view the Sydney Airport International Student Welcome Desk Map. Open 7am-11am and 6pm-10pm, 7 days a week during semester intakes and weekends at other periods.



Why Choose PCT?

For your next course or if you have relatives wishing to Study in Sydney, Pacific College of technology is your college of choice. Why choose PCT?

-The Winner of Auburn Local Business Awards

-Finalist in The Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence

-Conducive learning environment equipped with cutting-edge technology

-Flexible Class timetables Evening including weekends

-Voted 2nd Best among International VET providers in Australia by the ISB ranking Australia HEVET 2016 as the most supportive a provider

Pacific College in response to market trends and demands has introduced New Subjects namely:



seeking the knowledge and skills enabling them to work successfully in marketing and communication. This may include: domestic and international students.

Diploma

Successful completion of this qualification provides individuals with a sound theoretical knowledge and understanding of human resources management, and a range of skills that will ensure these functions are effectively led and managed in an organisation or business area. Typically, graduates of this course will be responsible for other staff and lead teams in human resources management.

Target groups for this qualification are those needing and/or seeking the knowledge and skills enabling them to work successfully in human resources management. This may include: domestic and international students.

*Entry Require: the student must have completed all core units in BSB42415 Certificate IV in Marketing and Communication.

Human Resources Diploma

Successful completion of this qualification provides individuals with a sound theoretical knowledge and understanding of human resources management, and a range of skills that will ensure these functions are effectively led and managed in an organisation or business area. Typically, graduates of this course will be responsible for other staff and lead teams in human resources management.

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Course Outcomes

Marketing and Communication

Certificate IV

This course will provide specific knowledge, skills and understandings in marketing, together with a range of generic communication skills.

Upon successful completion of all units of study in this course, students will graduate with the BSB42415 Certificate IV in Marketing and Communication.

Diploma

Campaign manager
Executive assistant
Marketing co-ordinator
Marketing manager
Marketing team leader
Product manager
Public relations manager
Sales manager

Human Resources

Diploma

Human resources adviser/change manager
Human resources consultant
Human Resources Consultant
Human resources manager
Senior human resources officer

General News

Vivid 2018

On 25 May Vivid Sydney 2018 switches on, with the Lighting of the Sails of the Sydney Opera House marking the Festival's 10th anniversary and the start of spectacular light art, cutting-edge music, and innovative ideas programs.

Get ready to be mesmerized by breathtaking light projections. For the 10th Anniversary, celebrated artist Jonathan Zawada creates an artwork that transforms the Sydney Opera House into dynamic digital sculptures inspired by the Australian environment.

Other highlights include the powerful laser beacon illuminating the harbor from on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the welcome return of Customs House as a venue and the many light sculptures that stretch for more than 2km around the harbor foreshore.

Vivid Ideas is where you can explore fresh thinking across tech, design, and culture with leading industry practitioners and luminaries. Join masterminds of notable film directors who dive deep into his scientific and artistic enterprise and examine the consequences of AI when Jane McGonigal meets Kriti Sharma.

Step into the amazing world of Vivid Sydney at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, The Rocks, Barangaroo and Darling Harbour, along with the city's King's Cross, Chatswood and Taronga Zoo.



Our Principal named the Winner

At the Gala night to celebrate the best of Cumberland Business awards Night, Our Principal Mr. Pradip Dhakal was named the Business Person of the Year 2018. Congratulations to our Principal on this award.



Courtesy of destinations/sydney/sydney-city/vivid-sydney.

Anzac Day

Anzac Day is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who have fought and died for their country and is marked annually on the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War.

Anzac Day is celebrated on 25 April each year, regardless of on which day it falls. The day is a public holiday, however, no replacement holiday is given if Anzac Day falls on a weekend (except in Western Australia).

It was on 25 April 1915 that the armies of Australia and New Zealand entered into their premier battle of the First World War, at Gallipoli, Turkey. At the time, Australia had only been recognized as a federal commonwealth for thirteen years.

Many Australians were sympathetic to the United Kingdom, which they regarded as the motherland. So, the volunteer armies of Australian and New Zealand, eager to fight the good fight in the war, bravely landed on the shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula with the intent to capture and secure a safe passage for Allied navies.

At Gallipoli, the Anzacs faced off with one of the fiercest armies' history has ever known. Despite landing under the cover of darkness, the Anzacs were met with immediate bombardment and gunfire. On the shores of Gallipoli, the Australian and New Zealand armies fought for eight months forcing a stalemate. Eight thousand Anzac soldiers lost their lives before the Allies called for an evacuation.

Sports News

A-League

The 2018 A-League Grand Final was the thirteenth A-League Grand Final, played on 5 May 2018. The match took place at McDonald Jones Stadium, with Newcastle Jets hosting Melbourne Victory, the first Grand Final of any Australian code held outside a metropolitan city. Melbourne Victory scored in the ninth minute via Kostas Barbarouses, but the assist for the goal — a header from James Donachie

— came after Donachie's run from a free-kick was timed too early.

Broadcast replays showed a clear offside when the free kick was taken, but the VAR appeared not to intervene as the goal stood, ultimately proving to be the winner as the Victory held on to clinch the title at the Newcastle Jets' expense. Though controversial be your own judge as to whether the goal should have been offside.

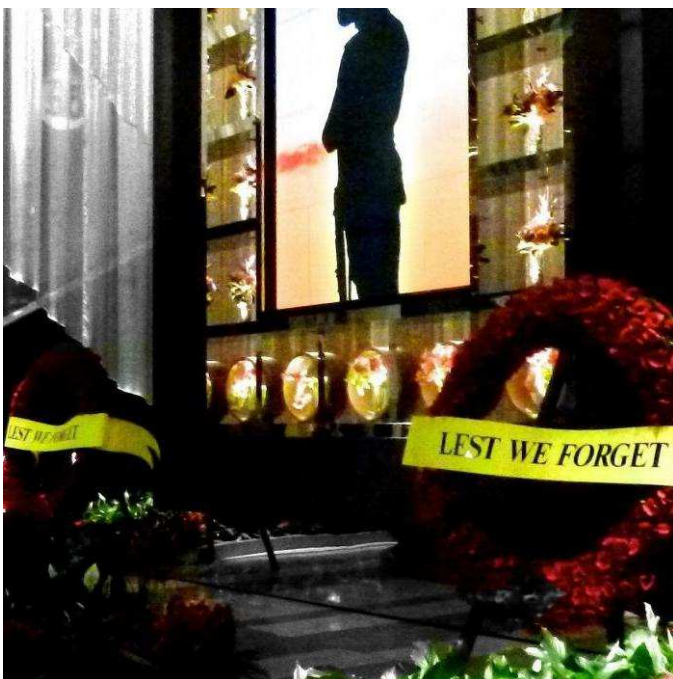
Rugby

Rugby League is Australia's most entertaining and popular sport with a rich history dating back to its creation in 1908, Rugby League telecasts have grown to be the most watched programs on Australian television.

The NRL Telstra Premiership is the closest elite sporting competition in the country and the Holden State of Origin series between New South Wales and Queensland is Australian sport's greatest rivalry.

At its heart, Rugby League is a community-based sport played by hundreds of thousands right across Australia, especially in country areas. In addition, there are countless people who give their time volunteering to ensure boys and girls, teenagers and adults can play the sport they love each weekend

The NRL Season is underway with ST George Illawarra leading the log in what promises to be a thrilling season.



Staff Focus



Damodar Poudel

1. Where are you from?

I'm originally from Nepal. I was born in a rural village of far western Nepal.

2. What can you share about your home Town? In few words, my village is a beautiful place surrounded by hills and mountains. Early in the morning, you will be able to see the sunrise from your bed and sunset in the evening too. Birds living in my village have added more beauty in nature and their sounds make us joyful every time we listen to them. A big playground in my village has added more beauty. Hundreds of people playing and enjoying in the ground sometimes forces me to think of being in the beautiful tourist area. People with heart of gold are really a shareable thing of my village who love me always.

3. What made you come to Australia?

I came to Australia for a better opportunity. As I am a Network Engineer with over 10 years of work experience, I wanted to learn more advanced and better education in IT, which compelled me to come to Australia. Not only this but the beauty of Australia also the multicultural society and the good weather attracted me to come in Australia.

4. What is the best thing about working at Pacific College of Technology?

Pacific College of Technology has one of the best environments to work. Cooperative staffs and trainers with supportive motive have always motivated me to work in this place. Students from a different culture, background, and countries and working with them have really made me privileged to be in this college.

5. Could you share your favorite PCT memory? End term cruise party, PCT social events in the college are some of my favorite PCT memory.

6. Which places have you been to in Sydney? Opera house, Darling Harbor, Minto Hindu Temple, Madame Tussauds Sydney, Western Sydney University and some other beautiful places around Sydney.

7. Do you have some tips to share with someone coming to Australia this year?

Before you decide to come to Australia especially to study, give some time and research on it. Relate your current education with the new subject that you are studying. Study the PR eligible occupation list if you are planning to stay permanently in Australia and get involved on it from the first day. English is our second language so focus in your English before you come to Australia.

Student Testimonials



**Pacific College
of Technology**

Since 2002 CRICOS: 02668F

Diploma IT student.

"Pacific College welcomed me very warmly starting from when I did my orientation to my settling in class. Though I enrolled late my trainer was able to give me personalized attention for me to catch up with my school work. Our Trainer is good at his work and is also very approachable".



Beverjaene Reynado (from Phillipines)



Rashmin Shrestha (from Nepal)

Diploma IT student.

"I have only been in Australia and the College for two weeks and so far am enjoying myself" What I love about Pacific College is a hands-on approach to training, it automatically helps you to learn the things yourself with the help of the trainer. I would definitely encourage anyone wishing to study in Australia to consider Pacific College".

Photo Gallery





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