

Term 3 Newsletter

This is your guide to all college services and recent news

Term 3 is almost finished. Remember to stay safe and healthy.

IMPORTANT NEWS

As of September 1st, there are small changes to our refund policy and admin fees.

Please click the link to the student handbook to see the revised **Fees and Policies.**

 <http://www.times.nsw.edu.au/pre-enrolment/fees-payments/>

What's Happening at USQ – August 2020

Virtual Open Day

Saturday 5th September 2020, 10 am-6 pm AEST

Times Academy EAP program partners with the **University of Southern Queensland** for Direct Entry.

For further information, please feel free to email: info@times.nsw.edu.au



Childcare Work Placement in COVID19

I am Jelly. I started my study in TA, learning Early Childhood Education Care in early July this year, and then I started looking for a student work placement. Fortunately, one of the child care centres nearby accepted my application, so I really cherish this precious opportunity. Before this, I sent at least 30 emails and were rejected by most centres. Due to COVID-19, many child care centres have to shut down because of low attendance and many parents are worried about the safety of their children and fear of being infected in child care centres, then they keep their children at home.

As the health and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority, in order to protect our children, to minimise the

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risk of infection, our educators are paying great attention to sanitation and disinfection work. In addition to the usual cleaning work, disinfectants are now used to clean the floor of the centre at noon and night; children’s mats, all toys (legos, building blocks, and animal models, magnetic tiles, squishy sponges, balls etc...) must be wiped with disinfectant towels or soaked in disinfectant water twice a day. Undoubtedly, it has doubled the workload for educators. On the other hand, hygiene instruction is incorporated into the curriculum, such as hand washing songs; and all staff are overseeing vigilant hygiene practices as well. As for parents, they are not allowed to enter the centre, only can they drop and say goodbye to their children after signing at the entrance.

In my opinion, the current second rebound of the pandemic will indeed cause adverse effects, but as educators, definitely, must do our utmost to prevent the expanding of this pandemic, following the government’s guidelines to overcome the difficulties. Hope that more

children can return to the child care centre safely to meet their good friends and their dear educators. To protect yourself is to protect our children.

Yanlan Fu (Jelly)

**Times Academy Student
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care**

During this special time, every educator follows the social distance in the center, and parents cannot come into the centre. When I came back to the centre, I found the children have a good understanding about the virus. Families had taught their children about the virus in different ways, like why we need to stay at home, if you cough you need cover your mouth with your elbow. Educators explained to the children because the virus we need wash hands before we touch the toys or books, we can’t hug each other. In my centre, we think every child should know how can protect themselves in this special time, educators and families can work together to protect the children. As a student, I felt little bit nervous before I restarted the

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work placement. But when I came back to the centre, I felt that I just do my work placement in a different way, it’s not scary. If the young children can copy with this pandemic, why I cannot? Just follow the new policies and do my best.

Xue Geng (Helen)

**Times Academy Student
Work Placement during COVID19**



Times Academy and Bread Of Life Supporting International Students During COVID-19

28th August 2020, Times Academy College

As we all know, COVID-19 epidemic has been an atrocious situation in the whole world, and many people, including international students, have been struggling to maintain a financial income. Fortunately, out there exists many alternatives for reaching out help, to mention one, non-governmental organizations are helping those who are in difficulties.

Bread of Life is one of these organizations that is managing to help a large number of students. In partnership with Times Academy, Bread of Life gave away complete hampers of food to students to take back home.

The Hampers (pretty heavy) included basics supplies; rice, tomato cans, pasta, tuna fish cans, coffee, and the list goes on. Also, they managed to pack a generous bag of bread, of many kinds, for instance. Sweetbread, (good with a coffee). The basic "sandwich bread" perfect for toast and some small ciabatta bread, ideal with cheese (mmm...yummy).

Thanks to everyone who assisted in this successful event, especially to Times Academy for caring and organizing, and to Bread Of Life for showing us this great example that sharing with others is an excellent value to learn and to practice, so to look after our friends and family.



Photos from left to right: supporting international students at Times Academy College.

The school is open during all class hours as usual. Student services, teachers, and administration staff are available to help you.

You are welcome at the school, but you cannot gather in groups.

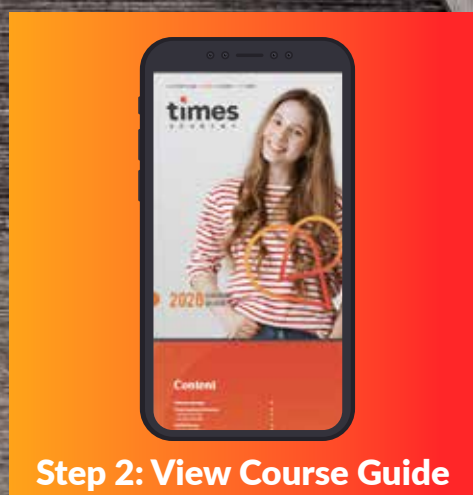
We are all also available online. Please use Facebook to send messages, as it will be checked continually throughout the day.

During school hours, there is also a **LiveChat** on our website. You can make any enquiries, and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

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