Lift

Over the holidays, a lift has been installed in the Atrium. It looks great, although there is still landscaping to be done. The lift has been built for those with mobility difficulties. We may have a day or two when every student can have a ride in the lift, but generally it will be reserved for those who have problems with the stairs. If the lift is locked, the keys are available from the Office.

New Lecturers

Our American import, AJ Culp, has arrived but is still recovering from his team’s loss in the semi-finals of the Super Bowl. Go easy on him. He has a doctorate in OT and is a language expert. This semester AJ will be teaching Greek, OT exegesis with Charles, and a Masters post-graduate intensive on Deuteronomy (his speciality). He is a great guy. Make sure that you introduce yourself to him. He’s sure to remember your name!

Dr Anne Klose did a few lectures for us last year, but this year she is a part-time faculty member looking after two distance units – Spiritual Formation and Baptist History and Principles. She has a counselling background and mentors quite a few people, so she is friendly, even if her doctorate looked at a lot of Baptist constitutions. Anne is planning to be on campus fortnightly, so you should see her around, especially in our new glass lift. Ann has a form of muscular dystrophy and drives a mobility scooter. She may occasionally need to ask you to give a hand, but in return she promises to try not to run over your toes or chuck wheelies in the corridors.

Refurbished Downstairs Toilets

The refurbishment of the toilets on the ground floor is almost complete. The faculty felt hardly done by seeing the students had great new toilets and so we had to do something. However, the lecturers are now a much fitter lot seeing that have had to use the middle floor toilets for two months while the refurbishment has dragged on. Where was that lift when they needed it? No wonder our students are so healthy with their constant trekking up and down those stairs. Just a reminder that the ground floor toilets can be used by students after office hours (5.00pm), and of course in emergencies.

Campus Changes

A number of other changes to the campus have been made:

1. A wall has been removed in the library in front of the Reference Section. Evidently, a prized study carrel has disappeared. Sorry about that, but we needed more space (with the lift taking a wall).
2. Dave Benson’s office is in with the Centres on the middle floor. Note the newly painted door. All other faculty offices are on the ground floor.
3. Wendy Francis has set up an Australian Christian Lobby office in Andrew’s old OM office.
4. The faculty lunch room has been extended to fit in all the lecturers and staff.

Graduation and Commencement

The Graduation and Commencement celebration will be on Monday March 2 at 7.30pm at Bridgeman Baptist. All students are encouraged to attend and bring their relatives and friends. I will be speaking on “Don’t Go Shallow” from 1 Pet. 4. Over 40 students will be graduating. Please come and support them.
Student Parking
As usual, it is very unlikely that the car park will be able to accommodate all the cars especially in the afternoon, so some will need to park in the street (but not in Redgum Place) or in the dirt car park on the left before crossing the railway line.

Faculty News
- Andrew will not be teaching this year as he works on his doctorate. He will be writing the distance theology units throughout the year, but Don will do the tutoring and marking.
- Neil is now a fully qualified JP who can assist in signing documents.
- Dave is back in town. He will just be teaching one unit this semester while he finishes his doctorate, but will come on stream as an almost full-time faculty member next semester.

Food and Drink
Just a reminder that food and drink (apart from water) are not to be consumed anywhere on the ground floor or the library floor. The middle (student) floor is the place for eating and drinking and merry-making.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and the ACT has introduced a more formal process for the handling of cases of plagiarism. A full discussion of plagiarism is found on page 6 of the College’s ‘Assignment Writing Guide’ (available on Moodle), together with a copy of the ACT’s ‘Academic Misconduct Policy’ (Appendix A on pages 19-20). It is every student’s responsibility to ensure that they familiarize themselves with the material.

Lecture Attendance
Lecture attendance is compulsory for all contact students, and the non-attendance of lectures may result in a Fail grade for the given unit. However, where students either anticipate absence or have been absent for unexpected reasons they are to submit the relevant form found on the College website at http://malyon.edu.au/new-current-students/forms/request-to-be-absent-from-class/

Late Assessment Submission
As of 2015, a uniform approach to the late submission of assessment items is being applied across the ACT. Details of the approach are presented in the College’s ‘Assignment Style Guide’ (available on Moodle), noting especially ‘2.3 Late Submission of Assessment’ and ‘Appendix D, ‘ACT Late Penalties Policy.’ Students should especially note that ‘heavy employment or study workload, church involvement and poor time management are not normally grounds for granting an extension.’ Further to this, note that the penalty, where applicable, for late submission is now set at 3% per day.

Examination Writing
All students are expected to write their examinations as per the Exam Timetable, which has been posted on Moodle. Any requests for exceptions to this must be directed to the Academic Dean, and should include a full explanation of the relevant circumstances. Please note that individuals writing their exams under an exceptional arrangement will only be permitted to do so after the timetabled dates.

Opportunities to be Mentored
Malyon Leadership is offering two mentors to provide specialised personal mentoring for students.
  1. For female students considering or involved in vocational ministry: mentor - Wendy Francis.
  2. For any students involved in ministry leadership: mentor - Darren Dakers.
More details are available from the Office or from John.