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# Agent Newsletter

providing you with updates  
and important information.



A very big  
*Thank you* to  
our agents!

Our June intake has just commenced and was a success, so we would like to extend our thanks to all our agents for your continued support and loyalty.

Despite ever-present challenges in the international education market, we are pleased to announce that our student numbers continue to grow.

This Orientation included a free social activity, with our new students and Student Leaders, together with PIBT Staff enjoying a fun game of bowling—a first experience for many students!

## Important change to English requirements for Nursing

ECU now requires a higher level of English proficiency for students entering the Bachelor of Nursing degree. As such, PIBT have had to amend the entrance requirements.

Graduating students need to have an IELTS of 7.0 for registration with the WA Nurses Board. Hence, the School of Nursing wants to make sure that all students have an adequate level of English when they commence.

English requirements for PIBT Nursing Diplomas are now:

**Extended & Standard:** IELTS of 6.0 for entry. Before progressing to the next stage (Diploma Stage II) students will be required to show IELTS of 6.5. If the student does not have 6.5 they will be required to enrol in an English Course.

**Intensive:** IELTS of 6.5.



## More Staff Updates

There have been some important staff movements in the last few months, most notably Jim Mitchell's retirement, and Foong Wong's return to Perth.

After more than eight years at PIBT we bid farewell to Jim Mitchell who has left to spend more time with his young son. I am sure you join with us to wish Jim well, as he made a significant contribution to PIBT.

We also welcome back Foong Wong from her six month secondment to HIBT.

In the Admissions office we are pleased to welcome two new staff - Cherry Ng and Gemma Campbell.

Maria-Elena Johnston has moved from the Admissions Team, and is now Student Counsellor, as Lorraine Macmaster also retired at the beginning of the year.

Two new Marketing Officers, Michelle von Karlowitz and Jeff Williams, commenced with us at the end of 2006, and are settling into their roles.

All applications can be sent to [admissions@pibt.wa.edu.au](mailto:admissions@pibt.wa.edu.au)



The New Team - Marketing and Admissions Staff - from left to right (back row): Cherry Ng; Andrew Crevald; Gemma Campbell; Jeff Williams; Foong Wong; (front row) Michelle von Karlowitz; Geraldine Bevis.

With the PIBT International English Centre now up and running, we welcome our Director of Studies, Ms Alison Hirst (below left), and Senior Admissions Officer, Mrs Yvonne Manners (below right). All ELICOS applications can be sent to [iec@pibt.wa.edu.au](mailto:iec@pibt.wa.edu.au)



## PIBT relocation to ECU Mount Lawley campus.

**PIBT is expected to move from Churchlands to ECU's Mount Lawley campus in June 2008.**

PIBT, together with the International English Centre, will share the new Faculty of Business & Public Management building, which is expected to be ready in 2008.



*Artist's impression of new FBPM building at Mt Lawley Campus.*

Plans for teaching areas include a 100-person lecture theatre, computer labs, case study rooms, tutorial rooms and breakout rooms. Other areas include a student service area, staff workstations, megalab, e-caf and an executive board-room.

For more information please visit: [www.business.ecu.edu.au/news/campus\\_consolidation.htm](http://www.business.ecu.edu.au/news/campus_consolidation.htm)

The benefits of moving to Mt Lawley for PIBT students include on-campus housing options, improved facilities and services, plus a new gym and sports centre.

## IEC News

In order to provide ELICOS students with the most up to date learning materials which they can take with them after completing their course, the IEC will introduce a Materials Fee (textbooks) in August. The fee will range from \$60~\$180 depending on the level and duration of the course.