Meet Tim
Tim Tang is our International Client Relations Manager. He is responsible for marketing and recruitment of WSI international students. Tim has over 13 years of work experience and has the global awareness needed to be able to relate to and help students like you. Tim’s email address is timothy.tang@tafensw.edu.au.

WSI Overseas Delivery

WSI has valuable partnerships with the following overseas education institutions:

- **China**
  In partnership with Ningbo City College of Vocational Technology (NCC) and Ningbo Foreign Affairs School (NBFAS), WSI delivers English and vocational programs in China.

- **Fiji**
  WSI and Fiji National University delivery TAFE NSW courses in accounting, business (marketing), hospitality, Information technology, tourism, management, and teacher training and assessment.

- **Malaysia**
  WSI Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) and INTI International, Penang provide a cooperative academic program in the Advanced Diploma of Accounting.

- **New Zealand**
  Our WSI’s distance delivery arm, Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) has collaborated with OptiBlocks to deliver the practical component of Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing.

For further information about WSI offshore courses please visit our [Overseas Delivery](#) page.

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**Free Upcoming Events in Sydney**

- **Movie Screening: TRASHED**
  There will be a free screening of the award-winning documentary “Trashed” on Wednesday 13 August from 18:00 to 20:00 pm at the Dendy Newtown, 261 - 263 King Street, Newtown. It is a must see for everyone that has concern about our planet.

- **Art & About Sydney 2014**
  Annual arts and entertainment festival is on again between Friday 19 September and Sunday 12 October 2014. Check the website for venue details.

- **Markets @ Panthers**
  Monthly market with a huge range for everybody to enjoy. Every 3rd Sunday of each month, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Mulgoa Road, Penrith.

- **Trip to the Blue Mountains and Sydney Cruise**
  WSI International would like to organise a Group Cruise and a day trip to the Blue Mountains for our international students at the end of August 2014. To show your interest, please email Tim at timothy.tang@tafensw.edu.au.

**WELCOME**

to the first edition of the NeWSInt newsletter. I hope you enjoy this new way to keep you informed of recent WSI news, upcoming events and activities, visa regulations and much more.

I wish you all the best with your WSI studies.

Ms Mui Cook
Director
WSI International Education

**TO OUR WSI STUDENTS**

We hope you are getting excited to start a new semester with us at Western Sydney Institute. It is important to balance study and social life. Go to all classes, do your assignments, study before your exams, and have fun with your friends.

Remember, if you need help, contact your WSI International Student Coordinator.

**Nominations OPEN for the 2014 NSW International Student AWARDS**

Would you like to reward and encourage a WSI student or a WSI team that is going ‘above and beyond’ their duty? If so, the 2014 NSW International Student Awards registration is now open.

There are two Awards presented:
- NSW International Student Award
- International Student Community Engagement Award

The aim of these awards is tocelebrate the outstanding contribution international students make to communities in NSW and recognisef exile in international student community engagement.

Nominations close on Wednesday 6 August.

For information please go to [NSW International Student Awards](#).

**Updates from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection**

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has recently updated regulations for the Skilled Occupation List (SOL). The following additions apply to applications made on or after 1 July 2014:

- Chef
- Bricklayer
- Wall and Floor Tiler

WSI International offers a wide range of Hospitality courses including:

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at Baulkham Hills Campus,
- Kingswood Campus and Mount Druitt College.

We also offer:

- Certificate III in Bricklaying at Nirimba College.

For further information about the SOL list go to [DIBP](#).
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Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP)

TAFE NSW has been approved for SVP for all TAFE NSW Bachelor degree courses, effective for student visa applications lodged on or after 22 March 2014. This includes the Early Childhood Studies at Nirimba College.

On 26 May 2014, the Australian Government also announced that it intends to further extend SVP arrangements to advanced diploma level courses, to commence early 2015.

We welcome this recent announcement and will keep you informed of any further updates regarding SVP in the coming months.

For further information about streamlined visa processing visit the DIPB website.

Australian Slogans

- Acca Dacca
- Rock band “AC DC”
- Budgy smugglers
- Swimming attire
- Hold your horses
- Hold on/wait
- Yakka
- Hard or heavy work
- Yonks ago
- A long time ago
- Zonked out
- Tired out/exhausted

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This Month’s Tips

Do you have friends in Sydney?
If you want a friend you have to be a friend. Show an interest in others, be helpful and curious, smile and make people feel like you appreciate them.

Feeling overwhelmed by studies/changes?
If you are feeling overwhelmed with your course and new lifestyle, visit your WSI college’s counselling centre.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR PREFERRED LEARNING CYCLE?

It is best to study in a way that suits your personal strengths and learning preferences.

DO YOU REMEMBER THINGS BETTER IF YOU SEE THEM OR SAY THEM?
If you have a visual preference then using pictures and concept maps would be useful. If you remember things better by listening or speaking then discussing it with others would be more useful.

Use study methods that take full advantage of your individual learning preferences.

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION?
Any short publication or item of interest that you have found useful and would like to share with other international students are most welcome.

Please forward them to our WSI International email: wsi.international@tafensw.edu.au