

eVALBEC December2004

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1. Minimum fees

Thanks to all the RTOs who conducted and returned the VALBEC survey regarding the minimum fee list. VALBEC has received over 500 responses from students from 12 different RTOs which include TAFE institutes, some of which are multi campus, community learning centres and neighbourhood houses, some of which are multi site. We received responses from rural, regional and metropolitan providers.

So far these survey results indicate that 35% of students enrolled in general education courses, literacy and numeracy programs and/ English as a second language programs across the state do not hold one of the necessary cards to make them eligible for the minimum tuition fee. The survey results will shortly be forwarded to state government Members of Parliament as evidence of the disadvantage many students will be facing.

Thanks also to the many providers who have sent letters or email voicing their outrage and providing us with anecdotal evidence to support our campaign.

2. VALBEC Conference 2005 – Advance Notice

Here's an early one for your diary. The 2005 VALBEC Conference returns to its usual time and a familiar location - Friday, May 20, 2005 at the William Angliss College, corner of King and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne.

3. 'Contacts' update

VALBEC is updating the 'Contacts' database. It lists courses and programs conducted by neighbourhood houses and learning centres, TAFE colleges and like organisations and is available to the public electronically, in print form and via the web <http://www.valbec.org.au/contacts/>. The project is supported by ACFE.

If you haven't sent your changes by email then you'll have received a paper copy for updating in the mail. Please get it in ASAP. An update to the web site is planned for later this week.

4. Strategies on Teaching Literacy to Deaf or Hard of hearing students

One Day Workshop for literacy practitioners

The Centre of Excellence for Students who are Deaf or Hard of hearing is hosting this workshop to provide an opportunity for literacy practitioners who are teaching English literacy to Deaf and Hard of hearing people to come together and share ideas, learn about the structure of Auslan and develop some different teaching strategies for teaching students with hearing loss.

Monday 6th December 2004 9.30 a.m.—1 p.m.

NMIT—Preston Campus Room R112 (Building R)

77- 91 St Georges Road, Preston 3072

Lunch will be provided

Phone: 03 9269 8306 TTY 03 9269 8354 Fax: 03 9269 8315

Please RSVP by Tuesday 30th November 2004 (sorry but you won't get this information until Dec 1 at the earliest)

5. Ideas for Across The Tasman

Subscribe to the NZ Literacy Portal <http://www.nzliteracyportal.org.nz>

6. Victorian School Holidays

Term dates for 2005 –2010 are available from the VALBEC web site. You can also get a couple of simple wall planners for 2005 and 2006. See <http://www.valbec.org.au/termdates.html>

7. Merry Christmas

VALBEC Committee wish all our friends and members a very safe and happy time in the festive season. Enjoy the break and come back refreshed for 2005!

8. Unsubscribe?

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