

STUDENT CLUB NEEDS YOU

THE TMC GAZETTE

We want to take this opportunity to highlight several key changes effecting the TMC Higher Diploma students from the 1st of August.

First, you will find that you have a specific time slot which has been specially set aside for **INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH**.

The purpose of this is to give you time to work on your assignments, and make greater use of the National Library resources. This means you do not have to sign in or out at TMC. However we do expect to see that you have been putting this to good use, and will expect to see this reflected in your assignments and projects.

The second change is that we have blocked out Friday afternoon for the Higher Diploma students to allow time for sports and other activities. The Student Club will be working

on this so keep an eye on the notice board for forthcoming activities.

We made a conscious decision to exclude the Diploma students as we believe that they need to focus on their studies in order to be better prepared for the Higher Diploma.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Vicky Ananta who has been appointed as TMC Student Ambassador for Monash College. He is now studying at Monash University and as you can see from his article, is proving to be one of the top students within the university. So if you are interested in knowing more about Monash College or studying at Monash University please feel free to contact him.

Michael Cape
Academic Director

Special points of interest:

Message from the Academic Director

Individual Research

Sports and Activities

Student Club recruitment drive

Vicky Ananta, TMC Student Ambassador

Microsoft Award

STUDENT CLUB

The TMC Student Club is looking for new members to help organise activities and run the student club.

So if you are interested either talk to them when they come round or e-mail Felicia Lam at felicia@tmc.edu.sg

MICROSOFT AWARD

Mr N. Venkatesh, Senior Lecturer, School of IT, attended the Microsoft Mix-it-Up seminar on June 24, 2008 at Microsoft Singapore and presented his quote on the Microsoft's latest data technology LINQ. He won a prize for his comments on LINQ, including Microsoft out of the box release LINQ text book and Window Live Care software with 1 year free license. Our IT staff are committed to constantly keep in touch with the latest technology and always keep in line with IT industry.

VICKY ANANTA

TMC Student Ambassador

MY DREAMS, MY LIFE AND MY FUTURE



Being the best is what everyone dreams of, like Nobel nominees, great discoverers, industry leaders - so do I. Certainly, to make all of those dreams come true, it needs a great effort, willingness to be better, or even courage to be the best in everything we do in our lives. We must also always learn from every mistake or experience we get in order to acquire more knowledge and further experiences. Once we know how to manage our life better, we would be able to achieve everything we dream of.

Therefore, choosing a 'best school' that can accommodate all of the things that we require to achieve our dreams in the future is so crucial that it would affect how and what our dreams are going to be in the future. This is an experience close to the hearts of every student in the world especially upon graduation from High School - when you have to pursue Higher Education.

Graduating from such a high profile school like St Albert Senior High School in Malang, Indonesia with lots of extraordinary achievements did not make me a highly confident student. I was still confused then, on where I can continue my study and what kind of degree I will like to pursue. I felt the same thing as what other students did, confused and pressured - knowing that my choice would shape my future.

After several discussions with my parents, as well as my trustworthy education agent, I came to the conclusion that I have a potential and deep interest in Mathematics as well as Business and Economics. I realized that I have a talent and a good knowledge in these fields.

I decided on TMC-Monash College Singapore.

I was informed that TMC-Monash College Singapore is incomparable in quality of its teaching. Also I felt that studying in Singapore would broaden my mind and inculcate independent responsibility in myself as I need to manage my own time without any direct supervision from my parents. Furthermore, I discovered that I can build a 'global' network with many other students from other countries, also studying in TMC-Monash College Singapore.

Moving to Singapore and living alone without my family helped turn me into a tough and highly responsible boy. Studying in TMC-Monash College Singapore was so much fun and it was not like I have imagined before - I had visions of an old school where everyone just spends their time studying. Instead, I found that I involved in several interactive and interesting academic discussions with my friendly lecturers and my friends. If I encounter difficulties, it was so easy to approach my lecturer to ask for help. Of course, having to cope with stressful assignments and examinations was a 'terrible' thing that every student has to expect. However, in Monash College Singapore whenever there is an assignment or examination, I thought it as great fun instead!

At TMC-Monash College Singapore, I had a conducive study environment. Relevant textbooks and reading materials were readily accessible with TMC-Monash College Singapore providing a convenient library equipped with computers and many other useful things. It helped as well that my lecturers and friends worked hard and play hard! There were many funny jokes to share that helped to relieve our stress during those stressful periods.

Those efforts I put in during my 8 months of study in TMC-Monash College Singapore paid off. I achieved a **High Distinction** average in all my subjects. I was also awarded the **Monash College Global Award** and given the **Monash University International Scholarships for Excellence - a prestigious full scholarship** given to international students within the top 5% in their previous studies.

Now at Monash University Australia-Clayton campus, I continue to live by my simple life motto: work hard play hard. Though it seems difficult and stressful to study in a high caliber school like Monash, I believe that if we always maintain a high motivation in our minds, there's always a way to conquer every obstacle that we may face during our study.

This attitude won me the recent lifetime membership for the **Golden Key Society Monash University Chapter**. This is a great honor to me, as a membership requires you to be within the top 15% of achievable results in your faculty. It is a great prestige to be a part of such a worldwide society - together with other brilliant students around the world.

I am very proud to be appointed the **TMC Student Ambassador**. It is a great honor for me as a student to represent the image of TMC-Monash College Singapore.

I promise that I would do as best as I can to uphold the good image of TMC Singapore as a high caliber and incomparable education institution. I will always be proud to promote TMC Singapore as a great place to study for everyone who would like to pursue their dreams and make them come true.

I will like to share some advice for everyone who has just graduated and still confused about where to pursue their higher studies. Keep yourself motivated and be confident! Be cautious when choosing a school as it determines and shapes your future. Personally, TMC Singapore would be that great choice for everyone.

I will be most glad to share my experiences with you. Feel free to contact me through my email address :

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Good luck!

VICKY ANANTA - Monash College Singapore Student Ambassador

Monash College Global Award recipient

Monash University International Scholarships for Excellence recipient

Member of Golden Key Society Monash University Chapter