

School of ICT Peer Mentoring Program is now recruiting Mentors for 2009

What is a Mentor?

A Mentor is a more experienced student in the same school as a group of commencing students (mentees) who has volunteered their time to help new students to settle into uni life. The mentoring program provides the opportunity to bring mentors and commencing students together to ease the transition into university for mentees.

Why should I be a Mentor?

Although the program is primarily aimed to benefit the first year students, mentors also benefit. As a mentor you will:

- Meet interesting people
- Enhance and develop your communication and leadership skills. You will receive free mentor training.
- Assist fellow students in a voluntary capacity
- Gain experience in community involvement. You will receive a certificate of appreciation. (this looks great on your CV!)
- Have more opportunities to get to know members of the teaching staff. Knowing teaching staffs would be useful when you are looking for referees for your job application or research projects if you chose to do postgraduate study.
- Have fun!

What does being a Mentor involve?

- Each mentor looks after up to five mentees.
- Contact between the mentor and the mentees: The first contact you will have will be during the orientation. From then you should organise and run three group meetings (at least) within the first six weeks of semester.
- The mentor should initiate contact and encourage the student to communicate. During the meeting, the mentee should ask questions, participate in discussions with the mentor and be frank about his/her needs and concerns.
- These meetings can be in informal/fun settings, e.g. meet for coffee, drinks, or other social activities.
- Officially, the responsibility of the mentor finishes at the end of week 6 (semester 1).
- Identify and report at risk students.

Please note that to be a Mentor, you need to be a current student at Griffith and passing your courses.

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