

## Excited about new training packages

*Box Hill Institute is looking forward to getting underway with the newly revised certificate and diploma courses in 2012.*

In 2013 Box Hill Institute will be offering a new suite of qualifications. Plans are underway to deliver a new degree in Library and Information Management, plus Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma in the new training package (CUL11) for Library and Information Studies. Students will be able to commence all these new qualifications in 2013.

With the discontinuation of undergraduate degree courses from institutions in Victoria, we are very excited to announce the development and introduction of a degree course in Library and Information Management for 2013, pending TEQSA approval. This will provide a fantastic opportunity for existing library technicians and new students to train upwards in the library industry. The focus will be on producing workplace-savvy graduates who have combined practical library skills with strong web, information technology and specialist domain knowledge.

In addition to the degree we look forward to embracing the new training package at diploma and certificate levels. Research, industry contacts

and employer feedback has indicated that the new course will better equip library professionals for the dynamic library and information environment.

Our current first and second year students are about to embark on their industry placement for 2012 and our off-campus enrolments are growing, with total enrolments now in excess of 200 students from all states in Australia and overseas. We have implemented Softlink's Liberty library management system into our training this year providing students with the opportunity to gain effective operational knowledge of an automated system before they graduate. We are also developing our relationship with OCLC and exploring opportunities of using this relationship for the benefit of our students and developing short courses linked to units in the diploma training package for professionals wishing to update their skills.

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