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# **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

"Whether you are joining CTIC for the first time or continuing your education journey with us, I am delighted that you have chosen CTIC. I am deeply proud of this spirited community that is taking shape after 2 years of uncertainty that COVID-19 brought about. When you enrol at Cass Training International College (CTIC), you become a part of the energy that drives us forward, and a member of an inclusive campus community.

2022 looks bright and promising. We are proud to be amongst one of the best colleges in Sydney for our quality of teaching and our prime location right in the heart of Darling Harbour and the newly created business hub, Barangaroo. We are dedicated to pursuing an unparalleled student experience, and widespread community impact. We are committed to creating a campus where everyone can start, discover, and build something.

Our English programs see you become confident English speakers, while our VET courses will pave your way to becoming business leaders in your chosen industry. Further, we continually deepen our partnerships with industry to offer you many education and job opportunities.

Our professional and social programs will help you enrich your knowledge outside the classroom, develop new and long-lasting friendships and acquire strong social skills in an English environment.

2022 is a year of renewed hopes and aspirations. The world needs enthusiasm and new ideas, and I see CTIC students and graduates contributing their ideas towards a better world. It's time to take your place amongst this community of changemakers."

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**CEO** 



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#### MEETING THE VET TRAINING MANAGER

# Welcome Message from the new Training Manager



"My name is Morshed Alam and I am working as a Training Manager at CTIC Commerce. I've been working in the education and training area for the last 14 years. Over these years, I've gained experience in training, managing, coordinating and in compliance. I would say that my strengths are particularly in developing training strategies, assessment tools and training resources. My interest in entrepreneurship education and compliance is the cause of my devotion in researching about quality standards in education and training. My qualifications are M.B.A (major in Human Resource Management), Diploma of Project Management, and Graduate Certificate in Business Research.

I also want my warm welcome to reach the new students who are joining us and am wishing them a wonderful time at CTIC."

Morshed Alam, Training Manager – CTIC Commerce

#### CTIC COMMERCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. We are actively recruiting students for Certificate III in Business and Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) courses which are due to commence in June 2022.
- 2. Mid-term 2 will start from 6<sup>th</sup> June just one week before the holiday starts on 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- 3. Term 3 will start from 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- 4. All the vocational courses are still running online until further notice.
- 5. Classes are being recorded and students can request these to be sent out to them through their trainer or the VET support team.
- 6. On-campus tutorials are available. Bookings are essentials.



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#### **MEETING THE IELTS PREPARATION TEACHER**

# Charlene Blackshaw-Bennett, the IELTS Preparation Teacher



With many years of experience in teaching English at different levels, Charlene knows how to keep her students engaged in their studies, and we have seen great achievements coming from her students in the IELTS/ Upper Intermediate class. Her class always looks dynamic and vibrant, and all students seem to have a great time while learning.

Here's a short message from Charlene:

"Hello, my name is Charlene and I teach the IELTS/ Upper Intermediate class here at CTIC. Over the years I have taught many different levels and I enjoy the special differences at each stage. The best part about being a teacher for me, is when I see that my students are able to speak confidently and write interestingly. In my free time I enjoy travelling to other towns and cities in Australia, bushwalking in Ku-Rung-Gai national park, and practising yoga."

#### STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

### Testimonial from Setthaluck Smithiweerakun - CTIC student



"Hello! My name is Luck, and I am a student in the Upper Intermediate English/ IELTS class. I am so happy with my class. I believe that the best way to learn something is to make it fun while doing it. Charlene, our teacher, is awesome. She knows how to blend these two things together. Not only she helps her students improve their English in her class, but also make it enjoyable. We all laugh a lot while studying in the class. When we struggle, she can see the problems and knows how to fix it. I started this course about 2 months ago. However, I have learnt so many things and my English skills have improved a lot. Moreover, warm support and reliable services from the staff can reduce the stress that international students could have. This helps students focus on their study and to achieve their goals."



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#### **MEETING OUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

# Introducing Andres Cuellar, Regional Marketing Manager



"My name is Andrés Cuellar, and I am the regional marketing manager for LATAM at CTIC. I finished my bachelor's degree in Business Administration in Colombia, and then I decided to move to Australia in 2009 and lived this great experience! It was then when I discovered this amazing multicultural city to live in with plenty of great opportunities, Sydney. Sydney is my favourite place in the world. I have travelled to many countries, but nothing can be compared with Sydney.

Then I discovered CTIC where I met great and genuine people to work with. When I moved back to Colombia, I wanted to continue working for CTIC, because I believe this is a college where the focus is on people, on creating tools and an environment where students can achieve best learning outcomes. If you want to change your life, open your mind, think and act differently come and join us! I promise that you will not have regrets and instead you will add strengths to your personal and professional life."

#### STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

# Announcing the CTIC Student Ambassadors

After two months of searching for a student ambassador, we have managed to find not only one, but 2 students who will be representing CTIC.

The aim of the Student Ambassador role is to enhance the on-campus student experience and provide opportunities to develop skills and attributes essential for successful study and future employment opportunities.



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The two student ambassadors will be mingling with the current students studying at CTIC to learn about each and everyone's needs in order to enhance their social and learning experiences. The Student Ambassadors will be given regular training on how to approach and support the CTIC students, and they will be involved with marketing initiatives under the guide of the Sales and Marketing Managers.

Student Ambassadors will not be expected or encouraged to miss any classes. All commitments, however, will be organised around Ambassador commitments.

#### Please welcome:

**Geraldine Grisales Parra** and **Henrique Souza de Paula** - Currently studying in the Upper Intermediate/ IELTS class at CTIC English

#### Geraldine Grisales Parra – CTIC Student Ambassador



"Mi name is Geraldine Grisales Parra. I was born in Cali – Colombia and lived there for 24 years. During my childhood I lived with my mom, my aunt, my uncle and my grandmom, and now I live in Sydney with my uncle, who brought me to Australia me with the purpose to learn a new language and develop other skills that complement my profession.

I arrived in Sydney almost two months ago and I had the opportunity to travel to other places surrounding this beautiful city before starting to work as a sales staff and study English at CTIC. Learning is one of my favourite things in the world. I love writing and reading about the human behavior, politics and conflicts. I have

always believed the best way to learn a new language is by being surrounded by people who speak it. In the next nine months, I hope to improve my grammar and listening abilities, and then I'll continue my studies in social communication and journalism at university.

One of the reasons I chose Sydney as my study destination was to learn more about diverse people, cultures, and nature. Sydney is a big city where you can discover many places, views and adventures. Being here is an amazing experience! In almost two months I have met people from countries that I have never thought of..."



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#### Henrique Souza de Paula – CTIC Student Ambassador



"Hi! My name is Henrique, I am 26 years old and I'm from Brazil. I came to Sydney willing to learn English and to build a new life, in a developed country.

I am passionate about anime (I have watched all the famous ones), and about sport. In Brazil, I used to run, ride a bike, do Cross fit, and even fight Muay Thai. Beyond that, I really enjoy going to nightclubs to dance. I have chosen CTIC because of the school's location, the balanced mix of nationalities and the good cost benefit relation.

I have chosen to be a student ambassador because I want to interact more with my colleagues and help them have the best experience while studying English. I hope we can develop a strong relation. You can count on me!"

#### STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE AT CTIC

#### **Past Events**

Students at CTIC get to enjoy a range of activities which will give them confidence to express themselves in English. This is also a great way to discover the Australian way of living and learn about the diversity that contributes to the Australian culture.

Many activities outside the classroom will be introduced at most of the English levels at CTIC English so students are exposed to real situations and respond with relevant language.

#### **International Day**

Our mix of students coming from many corners of the world was a good excuse to celebrate the International Day again on Friday evening, 6th May at the CTIC Campus with the students studying in the evening.

Valentina, one of the evening English teachers took the initiative to turn a study activity into a social one.



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Students had the opportunity to showcase food, cultural displays and present about their country and culture in front of their colleagues and teachers.

This was a great activity to fit into the CTIC Real English component.



Visit to the Sydney Royal Botanic Garden



On a quest to find adjectives in a real natural environment, some of our ELICOS students were taken down to the Royal Botanic Garden. Wrapped around Sydney Harbour and overlooking the Sydney Opera House, this lush oasis is home to thousands of plant species and it's the second oldest botanic garden in the southern hemisphere and home to many historical structures from Colonial times.

The Garden is only 10-minute walk from the CTIC campus.







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#### Visit to the Art Gallery

Regardless of the weather conditions, there's always a way to practice Real English for our ELICOS students. The excursion to the Sydney Art Gallery was a great opportunity for students to explore various exhibitions on display and to prompt them to converse in English.









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#### WHERE TO FIND HELP AND INFORMATION

### **Student Support Services:**

For CTIC Commerce - VET courses, please contact Deep at: <a href="mailto:student.support@casstraining.com.au">student.support@casstraining.com.au</a>

For CTIC English – English courses, please contact Mari at: student.services@casstraining.com.au

<u>For CTIC English and Commerce - enrollments</u>, please contact the admissions team at: admissions@casstraining.com.au

#### For Marketing/ Social Media/ Events, please contact:

Cristina at: marketing2@casstraining.com.au, and

Natsumi at: natsumi@casstraining.com.au

#### Please also:

- Visit our website: www.ctic.com.au where you can find most of the information you may need
- Visit our social media platforms and 'like', make comments and share our posts:

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https://www.facebook.com/cticcommerce;

https://www.instagram.com/cticenglish/;

https://www.instagram.com/cticcommerce/

- Join the Facebook group, CTIC Community:
   <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1664477890567024">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1664477890567024</a>
- Read our monthly newsletters

# **EDITORIAL TEAM**

Cristina Iordache Yeo - Marketing Manager at CTIC

Staff and students are invited to volunteer on this Editorial Team.

If you have an interesting story, a testimonial, or something that would add value to the CTIC Newsletter, please contact Cristina at: <a href="marketing2@casstraining.com.au">marketing2@casstraining.com.au</a>