Please register for these activities today. A student will be in the lab to assist you.

Once you have done your first registration, you can make changes right up to the day of the activity. So do not worry if you are not sure of other commitments.

It is essential that you book into the workshops as there are limited places. Most activities will be repeated because they are so important for new students.

Workshop Descriptions and timetable are attached
The first session you should do is a Lab Induction, this runs for 3 hours and you will be given a copy of the CS&IT Induction Manual. Choose the earliest possible date to do this workshop. Then select one Unix Survival Skills session, if you find you need more time for this, you will be able to register for another session on different day. You will find it difficult to concentrate for 3 hours after being on holiday.

You can vary the day’s activity by doing an Academic Integrity workshop, another type of lab or finding your way around the university and the city precinct with new friends.

Registration-step by step
- Login using your RMIT student account
- Fill in some basic information about yourself, we use this to recommend workshops.
- Select the activities you need to do from the list on the next page. Compulsory ones are already selected.
- Next pick the days and times for each selection. You might have to do some adjustments to avoid clashes. You need to do the Lab Induction first. Then sign up for at least one Unix Survival Skills session held at a later time or day.
- Finally view your complete orientation schedule, and the actual timetable. Make a note of your sessions on the attached timetable. The information will also be sent to your RMIT student email. You can login from home, or any other internet connected places and make changes.
- Exit the system
What is orientation all about?
It is a week of labs, workshops and activities designed to prepare you for your university studies. It is free for all CS&IT students and highly recommended for all commencing students.

Choose your own schedule
You will still have time to attend RMIT University wide orientation and get yourself settled.

Why are some activities compulsory?
Your lecturers and tutors will assume that you have attended this recommended minimum and that you understand the concepts presented and have practiced the skills. Of course you will still be able to get assistance if you cannot remember particular procedures. Lab assistants and tutors will answer any question if it will help you get going with your learning.

Who runs these classes?
Many of the workshops are run by tutors and students who understand what a new students needs – they were in your position not that long ago. Course Lecturers and Teaching and Learning advisors will also conduct workshops, those focussed on preparing you for university study.

What is so special about learning at university?
An "independent learning" approach is used; each student will need to develop their own study routines based around formal lectures, labs and tutorials. No one is going to tell you what to do each day. Most of your study time will be spent on reading, programming practice, problem solving, reviewing lecture material, answering tutorial questions and doing assignments. This happens when you are not in class – very different from school or TAFE.

Even if you have studied at RMIT or at university before – orientation is essential. You will get to know your way around the school and the rest of the campus. You will meet other students, very important for forming study groups. There will be specific workshops to help you revise your skills and to prepare for the next stage.

Students who have completed a TAFE Diploma or Advanced Diploma before articulating into a Degree Program benefit greatly from orientation attendance. There is so much that is different, from the way labs are organised, to how much you need to do in each assignment, to how quickly you move through the different topics.

All activities are free
Not only do you not have to pay, you will meet so many students and staff members, by the end of orientation you will really feel like you are a university student. This means that when you go to your first class you can concentrate on what it is you need to learn.

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING *
* to be able to work effectively when you begin the new semester
CS&IT Orientation and Week Zero Workshops

**Lab Induction for all new students**
Learn the skills you need to use the CS & IT systems and find your way around the online resources. You will receive a comprehensive manual that will become a useful reference in your first semester.

*You must attend this workshop before you can do any other labs.*

**Unix Survival Skills**
Learn the basic UNIX skills you need, as it is assumed that all students in CS&IT can work in a UNIX environment. Practise now when there is help on hand. Don't find out you can't use the system on the day you have a test or assignment to submit!

*You are advised to attend at least one 3 hour session*

**Academic Integrity**
Understand what plagiarism is and learn what you need to do to ensure you don't plagiarise. This challenging and interactive workshop includes referencing your sources in programming and protecting your own work. Academic Integrity is highly valued by the School and this session is compulsory for all new students.

**CS&IT Course Information**
All the information you will ever need about CS&IT courses. Now that you are at university you are responsible for your own studies. This can be quite overwhelming. Where do you find our about classes, textbooks, assignments and exams? This workshop will step you through an example course guide and help you get yourself organised for the semester ahead.

**First Programming Lecture (Java)**
Your first programming lecture, what are you supposed to do, can I talk, will I be asked a question, is it like in the movies? Programming course lectures are designed to introduce a lot of new ideas in a very short time, so find out what your lecturer is planning and how it will work. This lecture will really get you started as it is a lecture about lectures by one of our lecturers – one of the most useful activities a beginning student can attend.

**New Student Welcome**
Your official welcome to the School of Computer Science and Information Technology. International students are then encouraged to attend the RMIT New International Students Orientation organised by ISIS (International Student Information and Support).

**Skills for New Programmers**
Programming is an essential skill for IT students but sometimes it can seem like a big mystery. A positive attitude and consistent practice can make a big difference to the effectiveness of your study. This workshop focuses on the way successful students approach programming tasks. Find out from current students how they study and what resources you can use.
Create a Web Page
Enrolled in Web Programming but never made a simple webpage using HTML? This workshop will introduce the basics so you can create a web page of your own. This workshop is not suitable for any student enrolled in the course Intro to IT.

C Shot
Revise your C programming skills with these self paced graded workshops. After attending a 2 hour supervised sessions you should feel confident to take on your studies in Algorithms and Analysis or courses with C programming as a pre-requisite. Problems will start at a basic level and progressively increase in complexity.

Topics covered will include arrays, files, pointers, data structures (linked lists, etc.), functions, formatting and coding standards. Unsuitable if you have not studied C before.

Java Boost
A series of graded sessions to reinforce your current proficiency in Java programming. At the session, you will be required to complete a mini assignment. These self paced assignments will start at a basic level and progressively increase in complexity. Topics covered will include object-oriented programming with classes, interfaces using arrays, file I/O, structures, data structures (linked lists, etc.), functions, formatting and coding standards.

Students enrolled in Programming 2 are advised to attend these labs. Unsuitable for beginners.

Problem Solving in C
Understanding the problem, identifying the steps and designing the solution are at least as important as writing the code. This hands on workshop will focus on designing a solution to a programming problem.

You should have attempted at least 1 semester of C programming before doing this workshop.

Problem Solving in Java
Understanding the problem, identifying the steps and designing the solution are at least as important as writing the code. This hands on workshop will focus on designing a solution to a programming problem.

You should have attempted at least 1 semester of Java programming before doing this workshop.

RMIT Orientation 2010
Don’t miss out on the Big O Night www.rmit.edu.au/orientation

Learning Online at RMIT
Video introductions to the RMIT systems you will use.anytime, anywhere www.rmit.edu.au/orientation/learningonline