



ACU OPEN DAY OPENS A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

Registering to attend Australian Catholic University (ACU) Open Day last year saw one new student win a cash prize of \$5,000 towards a study trip to Rome. Ruan Sweeney, now a first year Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine student, was the 2017 recipient of the Open Day study trip prize. Ruan said that receiving the phone call that announced he was the winner was one of the best things that has ever happened to him. "I was completely speechless. I felt so lucky and grateful to be given the opportunity to receive this prize from ACU," Ruan said. "I plan on using the money towards my studies within the next two to three years of my degree, depending on when my subject requirements line up with what is available at the Rome Campus."

The same opportunity awaited one lucky person who registered for the 2018 ACU Open Day in Ballarat on Sunday, August 26. Winner is still to be announced. Open Day gives students and their families the chance to ask questions, get advice and gain a better understanding of what ACU can offer. Visitors were able to take a tour of the Aquinas Campus in Ballarat, discuss study options with experts, talk to academics and current students, and get a sense of what their future might be like at the University.

ACU students enjoy a competitive edge when it comes to entering the job market, with almost 93 per cent of ACU graduates being employed within four months of graduation*.



Campus Dean Professor Bridget Aitchison said that considering going to university was a momentous decision and attending an Open Day and seeing in person what was on offer at the campus helped with the decision-making process.

"ACU offers so much more than simply a place to study. Our students come to us from a variety of backgrounds and they leave us with a combination of professional skills and personal aptitude that will have a genuine impact throughout their lives and their careers. Employers value their ability to think critically and apply ethical principles to their work."

People who wanted to have a positive impact through their career of choice were encouraged to come along and learn more about:

- ACU's courses in education and arts; business; law; theology; philosophy; and health sciences such as nursing and midwifery, paramedicine and public health
- ACU's connections with industry
- University life
- Scholarships and financial support
- Community Achiever Program

- Overseas study options
- Different ways of securing a place in courses of choice
- Winning \$5,000 for an ACU study trip to Rome

Open Day at ACU's Ballarat Campus was also fun day out with live entertainment, lots of goodies given away and great food. Things to do at Open Day included viewing a show, grabbing a bite to eat, chatting to our experts -current students, past students and staff were on hand to answer all your questions, exploring the campus and finding freebies.

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* Overall employment rate, Federal Government's Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS), 2017