

# **ANC The Gateway To Higher Education At Monash University**



ANC Education introduced its Australian higher education pathway through Monash College, Melbourne, which is a fully-owned subsidiary of the Monash University.

Monash College offers pathways into Monash University and has arrangements with a number of providers off shore including ANC to deliver relevant courses. "Without

a doubt Monash is one of Australia's most prestigious universities and is a member of the Group of Eight," said Karen Demirtel, Associate Director, Diploma of Business – Monash College. Thus Monash University attract high-achieving students and a significant percentage for government funding for research, "as they're research intensive universities," she continued.

Monash also prides itself in being an international university with a diverse student population from different parts of the world. Consequently approximately from 60,000 students, 30 percent are international with roughly 8,000 being Sri Lankan. Furthermore, the Times Education in their latest publication ranks Monash in the top one percent of the universities worldwide. "That's the top 100 universities in the world. We rank high in local niches as well. In the 'good universities guide' that looks at student experiences, at universities and teaching quality, we rank as one of the highest, with a five star rating in these areas and on various other niches," Demirtel added further.

There are four divisions of Monash College, according to Adrian Puckering, Associate Director Diplomas (Engineering & Arts) – Monash College namely, The Diploma Division, the MUFY (Monash University Foundation Year) division, the PPA or Professional Pathways Australia, which facilitates employment or internship opportunities and lastly MUEL (Monash University English Language Centre) which supports the other divisions, working with students to support their English language study. "Because of our offshore operations including Sri Lanka, Singapore and Jakarta we have a truly international perspective," he added.

At ANC Diploma Programmes in Business and Engineering and the MUFY programmes are offered to students. "If they are successful they can be absorbed into the second year of University. They are also accepted at other universities for instance through MUFY which paves way to all Australian Universities," explains Adrian Puckering.

The MUFY programme and the Diploma Programmes at Monash College are closely overseen by the University with the curriculum and assessment tasks set out at the faculty level. "This ensures that the standards at Monash College campuses are equivalent to that of the University," says Demirtel adding that, "at the end of each trimester there is a Board of Examiners and Board of study that oversee academy and other conducts at each of the locations." Moreover the qualification is also well recognised by other overseas universities and notably MUFY has been accredited under the Commonwealth of Australia, National Foundation Programme Standards.

All programmes possess depth to ensure relevance, brought out through diverse ideas of teaching and learning. “Depending on the diploma, there is also accelerated learning which is often discussed between Australia and Sri Lanka with emphasis on the best method of teaching and learning,” adds Puckering. Monash University affords many opportunities for its international student population, through ten different faculties covering programmes like medicine all the way through to engineering.

Students can rest-assured that their education is being delivered within facilities that are second to none and by some of the leading academics in the world, according to Puckering. “Students can walk out of Monash University confident that they hold a degree that guarantees employability, as employers across the world hold a high regard for Monash university graduates. It is a great opportunity for Sri Lankan students,” he concludes.

