

# BULLETIN

Students Newsletter, Victory Institute

Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter.



## Message from the Director of Studies

### Graham Mackinnon

**Education:** Master of Education in Applied Linguistics,

Master of Arts in Writing

**Experience:** Centre for English teaching: Sydney University

Course Designer and Teacher Trainer

### Message from Graham

I was teaching at the CET at Sydney University when I was approached about this position as Director of Studies at Victory Institute so I decided that it was an exciting opportunity and challenge. As well as working at Sydney University I have been an IELTS examiner for over 15 years and I have worked at other universities such as University of Wollongong, UTS, University of New South Wales, and James Cook University. I also spent 9 years living in Thailand where I established and operated an English language college in Bangkok.

I understand how difficult it is to learn a second language from my own experience but the important thing is to remember to have fun while you're doing it. Also remember that only half of your learning is in the classroom. Most of your learning will come from experiences outside the classroom so you have to look for any opportunities to practice your English and meet new people.



Victory Institute , Sydney  
welcomes summer!!

## COLLEGE NEWS!

### VSTAR of the Month November 2015

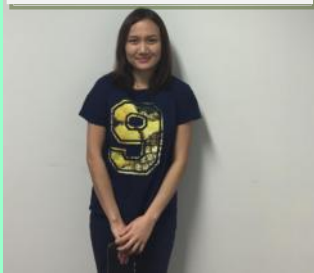
VET  
Roy Sevasius



While in very close competition with the rest of his class, Roy Sevasius's work on his Robot Hanger environment is a masterpiece of modular pieces & intricate, detailed, but balanced design.

His dedication to his work, and highly developed skills are what have gotten him here.

ELICOS  
Kanokwan (Oily)  
Phonphithakphong



Oily is such a great and dedicated student. She has always participated in the classroom and determined to improve her English as fast as she can.

**Don't you want to  
be our VSTAR? :)**

We regretted that we had to say goodbye to Joe, our Head Trainer who worked here for 1.5 years. We wish him the successful and bright future!! However, we've got the new Head Trainer, Hanson Fincher and want to congratulate him. Here are some pictures from the farewell party on 29 October 2015 .



Now , let's us get to know our new Head Trainer .

**Hanson Fincher:** Head Trainer

**Experience:** Creature Animator- "Probably just a cat"

Character Animator- Disney TV Series

Motion Editor- "Happy Feet 2"



#### Message from Hanson

It's easy to get caught up in all the little technical details when you're animating and forget why you started doing it in the first place.

Remember- you're not sitting there for hours on end just to move things around the screen, you're bringing something to life! If you're stuck in a rut then get up and have a break. Get a friend to have a look at it. Watch a cat video on YouTube. Ok, that's long enough.... now get back to work :)

**What is on  
For November ?**



**Loy Krathong Festival  
Riverbank , Parramatta**

**Dates**

Saturday 14 November 2015 , 4:00 –10:00 p.m.

The Parramatta River foreshore comes alive with light, colour and energy for the Loy Krathong Thai Festival.

Festivities include traditional Thai demonstrations, exhibitions of delicate crafts and photo booths. Featuring enchanting dance performances from Thailand and traditional Thai music bands, it is a cultural experience not to be missed!

Try a fusion of food from across South East Asia and enjoy the spring sunset while relaxing at the Thai Beer Garden. Be part of the sunset ritual of launching candle-lit Krathongs on the river as you make a wish for good fortune, followed by a spectacular fireworks and water fountain display.

**Address:** Parramatta River between Barry Wilde St Bridge and Elizabeth St Bridge

**Phone:** (02) 9806 5050

For more information please visit the website :  
[www.parramattaloykrathong.com.au](http://www.parramattaloykrathong.com.au)

**Your responsibility  
is to**

- **Tidy up** our rubbish, so please do not leave it on the table, the floor -or- in every room of the college!
- **Clean up** your messes and spillages.
- **Study Hard** , Play hard !

**December's Excursion**

**Tuesday , 1st Dec 2015**

**Contact:** Reception

**Price:** \$59 pp

