



# CSS LEDGER 2023

COMMERCE STUDENTS SOCIETY  
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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To **UNIMELB COMMERCE FRESHERS**

Subject **PRESIDENTS' WELCOME**

HELLO! Welcome to the best years of your life! Congratulations on making it past those stressful VCE exams and surviving highschool. I have no doubt in my mind that every single one of you worked extremely hard to make it into Australia's best University. Now it's time to kick back and let off some steam.

If you are reading this, you have chosen to study a Bachelor of Commerce. If you stick with us, we promise 3 years of fun times, friends and memories. At the end of your degree, I can guarantee you will not remember the hours spent studying but instead, the friendships formed and memories made along the way. Fortunately for you, joining the Commerce Students' Society is the easiest way to enhance your university life experience.

The Commerce Students' Society (CSS) is the longest-serving student society at the University of Melbourne. Founded in 1925, we have constantly delivered outstanding social and top-notch professional events for all our members. We deliver the biggest and best events from Corporate Cocktails to the renowned Commerce Ball and everything in between.

To ensure that your first year at University is filled with fun, make sure to follow this must-have guide on what to do. This ledger will provide you with a little insight into everything a CSS membership has to offer. We, as the go-to student society, are looking forward to filling your year with plenty of social antics and professional development opportunities. Keep an eye out on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok and our website!) for upcoming news about what's happening on campus.

Finally, welcome to the beginning of the next chapter of your life. I am so excited for you all to experience this new era. Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone, make some new friends and ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE! I can't wait to meet you all!

Love,  
Mackenzie Howard xo



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# What is CSS?



The Commerce Students' Society (CSS) is the official faculty-based student club, which serves to bridge a gap between the student body, the commercial industry and the academic framework of the University of Melbourne.

The CSS aim is to provide students with an environment to interact with their peers and potential employers, to be exposed to the professional world, and to be a voice to provide communications to the Faculty and the Dean.

Our purpose is to offer events and opportunities conducive to networking, employment and of equal importance, fun. The CSS fosters happy and productive students who realise their potential and grasp responsibility. We represent students who want choices and hence pursue industries and companies that can engage the curiosity of our members. We also provide feedback on the standard and presentation of the academic curriculum reflecting suggestions and criticisms from the wider student population.

## People also ask for ⋮

**When is Commerce Camp?**



3rd to 5th March 2023. It is the best weekend of your life (quote every person to attend comm camp ever).

**How do I pass Accounting as a first year?**



**What do I wear to Uni??**



# OUR SPONSORS



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# MEET THE COMMITTEE



**President**

**Mackenzie Howard**

The queen herself, MAC-11 rules with ferociousness and efficacy. She can often be found on a night out making a trendy tiktok, and single handedly running our CSS close friends account (strictly no one else can touch haha). She also loves the corporate lifestyle, making us all feel inadequate that we don't have internships at KPMG.



**Treasurer**

**Sam Prior**

The man that single-handedly boosts the average height of CSS, Sammy Prior is a real gun at everything he puts his hands to, whether it be the tunes at kickcons or one of the 74 sports he plays. We have no need to worry about the CSS funds being in good hands as he already has plenty of experience working closely with the president and she'll be sure to whip him into form.

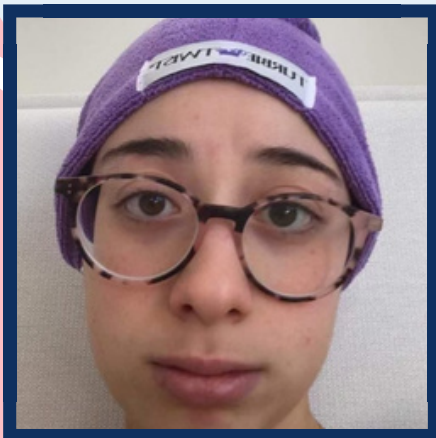


**Secretary**

**Jack Francis**

A real man of the people who knows how to make sure everyone has a good time. He always survives until the end of the night and his commitment to 3s footy is admirable.

Snubbed out of the position of pres, our sesh king had to settle for secretary despite a previous president living under the same roof. Although he's a 5'2 nepotism baby, he is not afraid to put himself out there (we love you Stubs).



**Activities Executive**

**Tessa Carrazzo**

A true connoisseur of all things high society and avoiding public transport no matter the cost, Tessa knows how to keep things classy and pure as can be. An avid fan of Melbourne fine dining, she can be found at Chin Chin every Saturday and is known to have the most sophisticated taste buds no matter the cuisine, from Colombian to Chinese.



**PD Executive: Sophia**

**Giagoudakis**

The livelihood of CSS, it's likely that half of Melbourne has heard Soph without ever laying eyes on her, as her voice can be heard for a 6 block radius. However, her mouth seems to suddenly shut up at events such as CSS EOX for some peculiar reason. A true 'bruh girl', she spends her weekends driving her stick shift car down at the local Bunnings. Watch out for her rise to the top next year, as she loves being top dog.



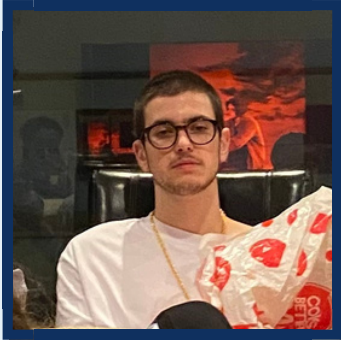
**Marketing Executive**

**Maddie Page**

Yet another victim to crown, whether it be the escalators to the level 3 nightclubs or other locations which shall not be named. She is a girl with a true thirst for knowledge, Mads has been known to spend devious amounts of time in the Harcourt Library. While she isn't reading, she can be found consuming other sorts of media, mainly Xavier rowing videos.



# MEET THE COMMITTEE



**Activities Manager  
Ben Garson**

The man who was crowned comm camp king, yet somehow lost out on not one but two executive roles. With a jar of creatine in one hand and a yummy protein bar in the other, Ben likes to preach that the "gym life chose him". Despite the mounting setbacks which graced 2022, including an ill-fated night at Shanghai Village, Gars is looking to comeback in 2023 and take some Ws.

Did you know he works at adidas?



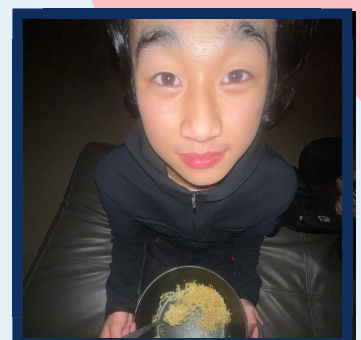
**Activities Manager  
William Gittins**

Git, The Man or more affectionately known as Kittens. This pale man has the alcohol tolerance of a toddler and seems to show his timid nature around 7pm, somehow managing to fall asleep about anywhere, usually a bathroom floor. He occasionally makes a rare exception, but only for some cheeky activities in the back of Intersection Cafe. Waking up 30 minutes early every morning to straighten his hair, this Yallambie resident never fails to brag about his fishing prowess.



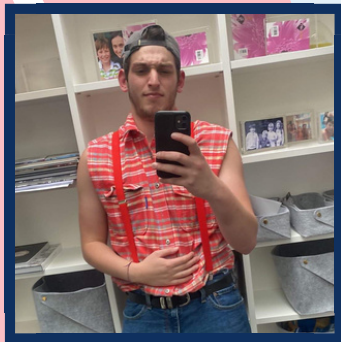
**Marketing Manager  
Indu Banneyake**

A real homebody, it's rare to see Indu stay at a CSS event past the 90 minute mark, provided she makes an appearance in the first place. Rather, she prefers to spend her time travelling from one end of regional Victoria to the other.



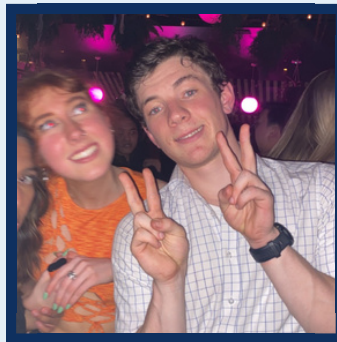
**Publications Manager  
Cam Lee**

Known as QB's number 1 mascot, Cam can be found enjoying a cold one and a parma at 11am in the morning. This man's metabolism is beastly, with his body able to digest over 40 packets of ramen and other spicy substances after a night out. Never without a drink in his hands, this man's weakness is hardstyle techno music and a rave bae or two.



**Professional Events Director  
Dylan Hershman**

Who else could be more suited to Professional Development than Big Dyl. A fella with connections to the people running the show behind the scenes, from Bloomberg to Goldman Sachs, PD is looking to have an awesome year in 2023. A true accounting genius, this man is surprisingly bad at saving money on a night out, rather preferring to fund the first few boat races.



**Sponsorship Manager  
Adam McKern**

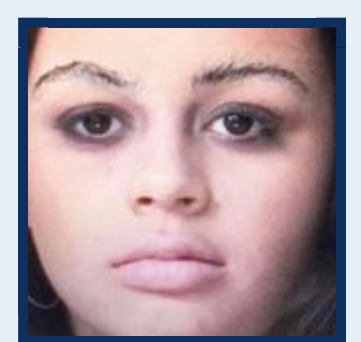
One of the few in the CSS committee who manages to keep active, it's not uncommon to spot him on a bike ride or run around Carlton. When he's not busy posting on Strava, he can be spotted down at the races. Being a high-performance athlete with the need for speed, it's not uncommon to bump into McKern embodying a race horse with the speeds he gets up to.

Cons: Will chat you up asking if you understand tax.



**ABSA Representative  
Alice Frawley**

Alice, as one of the new additions to the team has yet to show her flaws to us. Straight out of Ja'mie: Private School Girl, she loves a good aperol and cheeky champers on the weekend, and of course was in the Genazzano rowing team ... as a cox. Catch her at Arbory Afloat on a Saturday morning, looking out on the river and reliving her glory days.



**Communications Manager  
Zoe Dobbin**

The mum of CSS, Zoe knows how to be responsible whilst having fun - a skill much of the committee have yet to learn. She can always be found with a marg in hand, yet somehow still manages to be home by midnight to whip up one of her fabulous meals before waking up early and smashing out another CSS graphic.





# O-WEEK 2023

## 'THE NON-NEGOTIABLES'



### BBQ & Stalls

Have you ever finished up a class and suddenly become absolutely ravenous for a juicy sausage?

Not to fear, CSS are renowned for making the best snags at unimelb. We hold a BBQ once every few weeks, bringing together the Commerce faculty and providing you all with the goods. It's also a chance to catch up with mates, meet our awesome committee and get updated on upcoming events.

Make sure to also come down to our stalls on the 24th of February to sign up to be a CSS Member and collect some goodies!



### Bar Night

It is a CSS tradition that at the start of every year, we introduce our members to the best establishments that Parkville and Carlton have to offer! (Trust me, it'll come in handy after the long lectures and silent tutes).

This year we're going bigger and better. Join us at QB's (Queensberry Hotel) on the 22nd of February from 6pm onwards!



### Camp

This event is an opportunity for you to make 99 new friends before University even kicks off. It is not just a ticket to an awesome weekend, but a way to make the transition into uni life so much smoother. All drinks are included and good times are guaranteed! Join us from the 3rd-5th of March..... we PROMISE you won't regret it.

Tickets to camp can be bought online via the link on our Facebook Page (@cssmelbourne.)





# MINI-CALENDAR SEM 1



## COMMERCE CAMP: 3-5TH OF MARCH

100 freshers. 100% chance of a good time.  
Don't miss out on the best weekend of your life.



## CORPORATE COCKTAILS: 22ND OF MARCH

In collaboration with monash's Bcss, this event is bound to boost your linkedin. A chance to meet industry professionals and make invaluable connections - why wouldn't you be there?



## FIRST-YEAR FUNDAMENTALS: TBC

An annual event consisting of a panel that provides an overview appropriate to various industries. There will be guidance for internships and job applications, and interactive Q&A sessions throughout the event. This event is run in conjunction with FMAA and Banking on Women.



## BAR NIGHT 23RD FEB:

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## BOAT CRUISE: 27TH OF APRIL

Dressed to impress, commerce students from unimelb come together on the lady cutler to get down and let loose. We hope to see you there. ;)





3RD - 5TH OF MARCH

# COMM CAMP

You've just survived O-Week as a young fresher, joined every club imaginable, participated in your first boat race and monkeyed around an assortment of Carlton's finest watering holes that will soon be your second homes. But your O-Week experience isn't over just yet ...

Picture this: A weekend away, no parents, no curfew, DJs playing till the morning, an astonishing amount of drinks on offer (we hope you like VBs) and some of the best friends you'll make to last your entire degree and beyond. Doesn't sound too shabby? Welcome to Commerce Camp!

50 boys and 50 girls will be taken to an undisclosed location to embark on a journey, potentially being "the best weekend ever" (quote by every single person who goes on Comm Camp).

Comm Camp is without a doubt the fastest and best way to instantly make 99 new friends (all with high earning potential #B.com #eligiblebachelors). We guarantee before you even get off the bus you will have new buddies who will become your closest friends, whether that's because you'll be bonding over the (very few) memories of the weekend for years to come or because you have a mutual understanding that whatever happened on Comm Camp stays between you two.

Now we will keep some surprises, but here's a few notable events to look forward to: The best toga party in Victoria, numerous drinking games and a few nights to remember (or not)! So, come along to avoid spending the rest of your degree regretting not being there and forever hearing the phrase "how good was it at Commerce Camp when \*insert insanely awesome story here\*!"

Find Tickets on our Facebook & Instagram Page @cssmelbourne or via QR code on the bottom left hand side.



TOP SECRET LOCATION...



# BBQ



Every few weeks of semester we hold a BBQ, offering free snags and drinks for our members. Not only is this the perfect time to catch up with mates and meet the committee, we also hold BBQs in conjunction with our industry sponsors or other FBE clubs and societies. These are a great opportunity to learn about graduate offers and various industries, as well as keeping up to date with future events from other commerce clubs.

Another incredible opportunity to connect with your peers, CSS holds various Bar Nights across the year at the best establishments in Carlton. We typically have a tab and a few boat races, in which our members can enjoy a cheeky drink or two on the house. Swaggy DJ's and scrumptious food are also provided.



These nights are a great way to take the pressure off and have a bit of a boogie. Our committee will be there, as well as heaps of potential new friends for you to connect with & complain about those boring lectures. If you're lucky, you might even cop yourself as a 'business' partner.

# BAR NIGHT



# CORPORATE COCKTAILS



The most renowned event of CSS' professional calendar, held in conjunction with Monash BCSS (Business and Commerce Students' Society), Corporate Cocktails is our annual conference for students in their penultimate and final years. It features a unique panel discussion, followed by a traditional network evening with a plethora of sponsors from various relevant industries. This is an incredible chance to meet leading industry professionals and have all your questions answered by the very firms you may be applying for in the coming years.

# ART OF NETWORKING

Another opportunity to gain a step up in your career, "Art of Networking" creates the perfect environment to speak to a range of different firms and professionals.

This is a great way to boost your LinkedIn as you connect with company representatives & get to ask all your burning questions about internship positions, the industry and more.



# BOAT CRUISE

Grab your crew and hit the docks for another antic fuelled evening on board the Lady Cutler. The CSS Boat Cruise is a boat ride you'll never forget, with your favourite tunes and drink specials that won't break the bank. Sea-se the opportunity to have a boogie and get a little naughty with your peers on the d-floor at the best themed boat cruise in Melbourne. This is the perfect mid-semester break as it gives you the chance to leave your former assignment stressed self at shore and take to the seas in your most oar-some costume! There are even prizes for the best dressed!

All those who survive the boat cruise are also invited to the after party to keep the good times sailing. Just you wait and SEA ;)




# COMM BALL

## 2023


The annual CSS Commerce Ball is a night full of glitz and glamour. It is certainly the biggest and widely known as THE BEST university ball in Victoria. This event is not to be missed.

Your ticket provides you access to Crown Palladium, with a heavenly two course meal, to be enjoyed with unlimited beer, wine and of course, the beloved champagne sunrises.

Plus, there will be quality entertainment, and by entertainment we don't mean a lame and greasy old cover band. Think more along the lines of Shannon Noll, Client Liaison and Havana Brown as we've had in the past couple of years.



Melbourne's finest DJs will also be there to provide the best beats to ensure hours of dancing across multiple d-floors. And rest assured, the night will be captured by our favourite professional photographers, sure to score you that all-important Comm Ball LinkedIn profile picture.




Your ticket also entry to the exclusive after party at one of Melbourne's best clubs where we party till dawn in true CSS fashion.

Tickets for the ball are so highly prized that queues form long in advance of sale time. Weathered ball veterans are serious about reserving their spots and you should be too!

The \$170 cost of ticket acquisition guarantees a return on investment like no other, with guaranteed gains and no risk involved. So be sure to liquidate your assets, sell your stocks, inside trade ... do whatever you must to ensure you're there.



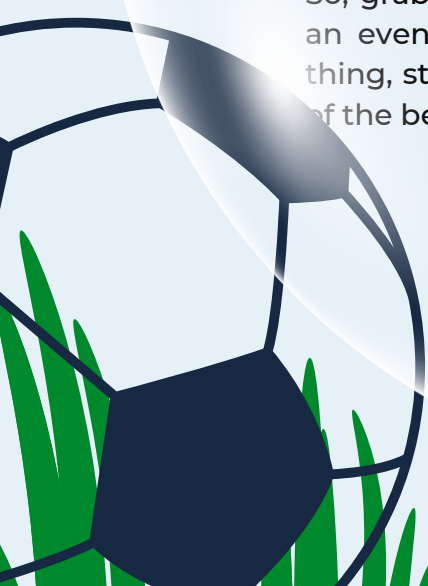


# BUBBLE SOCCER

Commonly known as the premier sporting event on the University calendar, our annual CSS Bubble Soccer Tournament sees 16 teams dressing up to face off in the most fiery of arenas. With the winner of the Bubble Soccer competition receiving a reserved table to our Commerce Ball and the best dressed receiving tickets to our Semester 1 End of Exams Party, the competition is always fierce.

If its performance enhancers you're worried about, fret no more because CSS has got your back. On top of the fresh tunes pumping, we know how to look after our athletes with protein-fuelled snags and a hydration station like no other.

So, grab your pals, a kickass costume and get in training for an event not to be missed! If ball sports really aren't your thing, still come along to grab a free snag and witness some of the best entertainment the South Lawn has ever seen.





# EOX PARTY

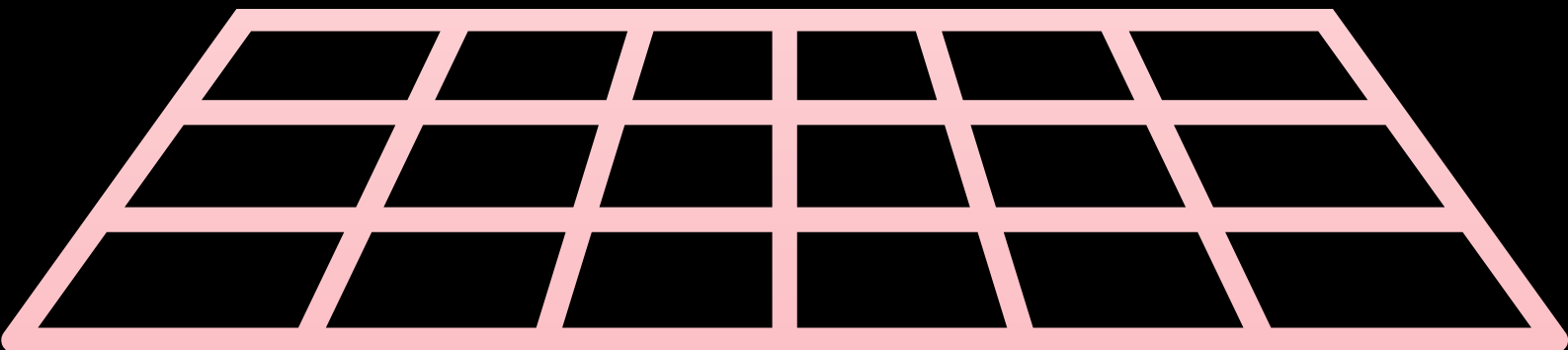
At some point exams will begin to creep up on us and we'll begin to ask ourselves: How am I going to catch up on 9 weeks of lectures AND smash out those practice exams? Not to mention studying for those pesky "mid-semester" tests that always seem to occur at the end of the semester rather than the middle.

Whilst the cramming seems all too much to handle, remember hard work pays off, and by 'pays off' we mean it culminates in another bi-annual End of Exams (EOX) Party.

So, when all notes are burned, books thrown away and fingers are crossed for that much needed 'pass' ... be sure to join us for a well-deserved night of partying (anyone who makes it through QM1 alive deserves a night like this).

What could be better than getting down and dirty on the d-floor with all your classmates to cap off a long and arduous semester.

CSS works in conjunction with Monash's BCSS and LSS so you won't find just your fellow Commerce mates in their usual form, you might even see them trying to snag a future lawyer.





# FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE



## 1. UNIVERSITY ISNT THE SAME AS HIGH SCHOOL

Learning at Uni is pretty different from school – you’re expected to ask for help if you need it and take complete responsibility over your learning. Of course, this means you get a whole lot of freedom – you can miss that micro lecture the morning after a night out, you can watch NBA playoffs in a QM lecture (see lecture etiquette 101) or even have a snooze. The choice is yours. Your parents won’t get a call if you don’t go to a single lecture all semester. Nevertheless, they will be unimpressed if their very own VCE star has failed a couple of subjects, and so will you when you have to pay to redo them (losing precious money = very bad). Failing multiple subjects can also land you in an Academic Progress Review, fail some more and you might have to move to Monash (also very bad). But Ps get degrees, right? Correct, pass enough subjects and you will be awarded a crisp Unimelb B.Com certificate. However, what Ps may not get you are internships, exchange, or a grad job. So enjoy the freedom of Uni, but just like the VBs at Comm Camp, too much of a good thing doesn’t always end well.

## 2. PLANNING A TIMETABLE

When it comes to planning timetables the world is your oyster – or really, the Uni subject timetable is your oyster. There are numerous tutes on at various times that will allow you to easily fit work or other commitments around Uni. That being said, it’s very important that you try to keep Tuesday and Thursday 12-2pm free as this is when the CSS will be entertaining you most weeks with a flurry of free entertainment (did someone say free snags and bevs between classes ...?)



# FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE



## 3. LECTURE ETIQUETTE 101

- DON'T talk loudly to your new Comm Camp friends IN the lecture or you'll quickly become the enemy of those seated around you (and the lecturer).
- DO be as on time as possible or risk being called out in the front of the whole lecture theatre (not fun).
- DON'T bring your laptop/phone/tablet in with the sound on. Trust me, you don't want to open your computer in a lecture only to find you have left a Taylor Swift song playing at full blast.

## 4. FINDING FRIENDS

Uni is a huge step up from high school, like nothing before it. This is the case for everyone starting at University, so it's a great opportunity to make new mates that will last for a lifetime. Sure, there may be familiar faces from your past around campus, but with so many students from so many backgrounds you're bound to find some new mates for every occasion that life offers: parties, camps, lunch dates and even the odd study buddy. Take the opportunity of first year to cement some friendships that will last throughout your degree and even into the workplace!

## 5. FINDING HELP

Starting university is exciting, but it can also be pretty scary. For those with iPhones, download the 'Lost on Campus' app. Not only does this app direct you to the exact room you're looking for, it has a search function that can also help you find services such as: ATMS, food, coffee, toilets, bars, parking printing ... you name it! Subjects: If you have questions related directly to an individual subject, then either your lecturer or tutor are the best port of call. If you're concerned about planning your subjects and subject selection, then head to Stop 1 on Swanston Street to chat with a course advisor.



# FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE



## 6. A GUIDE TO COFFEE ON CAMPUS

9am lectures after a night out make coffee a necessity of University, so your CSS have compiled a list of the most frequented places for coffee on campus.

7 Seeds  
114 Berkely Street

Boasts its very own bean roisserie = serious coffee. Many are not even here to drink the coffee, just take pics of it. Also has insta worthy meals if you want to channel your inner food blogger.

Bar Commercio  
Ground level in The Spot

For those who want something quick before their next class.

Baretto Espresso Bar  
Ground level in the Alan Gilbert Building.

Where to go if you want a good pick-me-up coffee before your micro/QM1 tute.

Books N Bites  
224 Pelham Street

For those indie enough not to have to go to Bar Commercio.  
HOT TIP: Books n Bites have THE best smoothies.

Stove Top  
108 Leicester Street

This is perfect for those who are so picky about their coffee that they are prepared to trek for 10 minutes to get it.

House of Cards  
Engineering Lane

Good coffee and super swaggy décor.



# FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE



## 7. FINDING A PLACE TO STUDY

### Giblin Eunson Library FBE building

The library made for Comm kids. Here you'll find all the textbooks you forgot to buy and a pretty swanky study space. It is conveniently located in the FBE but can be one of the hardest places to find a free seat in the lead up to exams due to high demand and low supply #economics.

### The Spot Levels 1,2 and 3 of The Spot

These levels are the perfect place for collaborative study (aka talking to your new pals). These study spaces also have some hip new study booths so be sure to check it out.

### Law Library Levels 3, 4 and 5 of the Law Building

The Law Library is dead silent, and by dead silent we mean you're likely to turn heads if you need to cough. Accordingly, this study space is ideal for those times when you really need to knuckle down.

### Baillieu Library Main campus, near Old Arts

The University's biggest and hardest to spell library boasts the most seating space for when the Giblin fills up and you're forced to study alongside Arts students. Desperate times call for desperate measures.



# FIRST YEAR SURVIVAL GUIDE



## 8. A GUIDE TO WATERING HOLES NEAR CAMPUS

Queensberry Hotel:  
593 Swanston Street

A CSS favourite, the perfect spot for the start to a pub crawl or a catch up with mates over a few pints. Famous for boasting what might be the largest parma menu in Melbourne and one of the nicest beer gardens in Carlton, it's never a bad time at QB's.

Prince Alfred's Carlton:  
191 Grattan Street

A post tute must, this rooftop bar/pub is located right next to University Square, making it one of most popular within Commerce students. Be sure to go on a Wednesday night for cheap drinks and a chance to have a little dance.

The Shaw Davey:  
171 Elgin Street

Looking to play a few games of pool, have a bit of a boogie or somewhere in between? The Shaw Davey is your spot. With two pool tables on the ground floor and cheap drinks on a Wednesday night with a d-floor upstairs, there's something for everyone here.

The Clyde Hotel:  
385 Cardigan Street

One of the most established pubs in the area, the Clyde is deceptively large, with enough levels and rooms to cater for any group, making it a favourite for university clubs and societies, no matter the degree. It also boasts some of the best amenities for watching live sports in Carlton.

Johnny's Green Room:  
Level 2/293-297 Lygon Street

Looking for a nice rooftop bar, with a more upmarket atmosphere? Johnny's is the place to go, with a more sophisticated bar menu and patrons with a bit more disposable income. The perfect hidden date spot, just far enough away from campus to have a few private moments.





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