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Most people that I have spoken to have made the comment “Where has the year gone?”. Indeed it has been such a fast paced and engaging 12 months, within a blink of an eye its over !

2010 was an extremely challenging and pivotal year for the education industry as a whole. Legislative changes enforced by the Commonwealth Government to administer and effectively increase the standards of education in the VET sector and in conjunction with revised migration policies have made far reaching and monumental changes to the sector, which has been long overdue. These changes, I believe, are for the good of the industry not only for the short term but for the sustainability and long term viability of Australia’s education sector industry which is highly regarded both domestically and internationally.

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Yorke Institute has been in operation since 2007 and all indications suggest that we will continue to grow from strength to strength in years to come. Furthermore, I have also great pleasure in reporting that Yorke Institute has also had continued endorsement by our governing body, the Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) to deliver courses which are based on strict AQTF and CRICOS compliance requirements. Yorke Institute is now part of a few elite groups of private RTO's and colleges that have met the governments' strict guidelines for operation and will now be seen as the "good quality " colleges to enroll in.

Well, if one remembers not too long ago the private education industry was in turmoil. It was plagued by regular college closures due to financial collapse, administrative mismanagement, corruption and the unscrupulous operating practices of a few private colleges which cast a dark shadow over the credibility of the private education sector. The Commonwealth Government was forced to step in and regulate the industry in order to protect the interests of the legitimate colleges, like Yorke Institute and many others, from being undermined by the actions and dubious business practices of a few.

In 2010, several critical changes were announced by the Minister of Immigration that have affected the migration laws. These changes clearly reflected the government's preference to grant permanent residence status to applicants with proof of relevant skills and work experience in their nominated occupation. This applied to occupations on the Skills Occupation List (SOL) as well as those occupations not on the SOL.

A simple and concise message to students wishing to study in Australia with a view of settling here after their studies is this :- "Students who choose to build their career in the nominated occupations are more likely to succeed in their permanent resident application as there are many businesses keen to sponsor employees who are skilled and committed to their professions."

If an overseas student is committed to receiving good quality training and education from a reputable private college or Institute and then shows initiative and diligence in finding part time employment in the chosen profession, then it is almost certain that the student will have an edge over others in securing employment after their studies. Hence, employers would be more inclined to sponsor students who have completed their courses timely and are more skilled and experienced than others.

Students remember this – “There is no substitute for hard work ! To achieve your goals whether it is to live in Australia permanently or to complete your studies you have to put in the hard work and combine this with a positive attitude! There is no easy road to success. Such is life “

This is why we believe that you, as the prospective student should have a selection criteria for the course and course provider. Some of the questions that you should ask before enrolling in a course includes:

1. How will this course benefit me?
2. Will this course help me advance my career or enhance my employability skills?
3. What additional help can the college provide to enhance my employability skills?
4. Will the college help me find suitable jobs within the profession?

#### **Enroll at Yorke - It's a Natural Choice!**

At Yorke Institute our training is custom made to help students secure employment within the profession after their completion. We offer short courses to help our students enhance their skills. These courses include resume writing and interview preparation. We are actively involved in the industry and have a strong network.

Staff and trainers understand that Yorke Institute's core business is education and training. As a result, the quality of teaching, coaching and student support is taken very seriously with active and regular participation within the industry with a view to lower the disparity between theory and practice when the student graduates from his/her course. As a quality provider and one that is now re-registered for 2011, Yorke Institute's proud past will ensure a bright future for many generations of students to come.

I am proud to announce that Yorke Institute is the only private provider of Les Toques Blanches. It is also a member of Foodservice Association (FIA) and Australian Culinary Federation (ACF). As members of these organisations, students and staff of Yorke Institute have taken part in various charity functions, excursions and events. Some of the recent functions include excursions to the 5 star rated RACV Hotel accompanied by the Executive Chef,; Pink Ribbon breakfast event and other social gatherings. Up coming

events include cooking competitions, Master chef classes, short courses and various networking sessions. Students who participate in events are usually issued with Certificates of Appreciation.

I am also very excited and proud to announce that Yorke Institute has recently set up its newest faculty – Yorke Business School. The school now offers courses in Diploma of Business as well as Advanced Diploma of Management. As an added feature of the faculty, students wishing to complete dual qualifications within one year of academic study, the Institute also has a special fast track program which combines the dual qualifications at a reduced price.

Another major success is the launch of the Diploma of Dental Technology course. We are one of 4 major providers offering this course in Victoria. The learning strategy for this course has been specially designed to have an edge over our competitors with the additional practical hours incorporated to enhance the student's practical skills. With the unique set up of our lab, students will also be offered work placement opportunities.

As the opportunities and challenges of 2012 beckon, I look with renewed optimism and cautious expectation of continuous growth and success within the VET sector. As one of the many private colleges in Victoria currently endorsed by the Commonwealth Government of Australia as meeting their high standards of quality education, Yorke Institute is well placed in 2012 to continue our commitment to quality education and training and to reaffirm our stamp as one of the preferred private providers in Australia.

I wish you all the very best this year and would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new batch of students who will be part of Yorke in 2012. Remember – Let Yorke Institute be your natural choice !

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