



Word from the CEO

Welcome to the first issue of the SITCM Student Newsletter! Every semester, this publication will provide updates on education, our campus, upcoming events and industry news, as well as our responses to student feedback. We believe this new information pathway will ensure effective communication between SITCM management and you – the diverse student body which has entrusted us with your education.

It is my pleasure to report on the exciting campus expansion which will be completed by 19 July 2019, just in time for the start of Semester 2. Our campus will soon be 88m² larger, with significant changes being made to Levels 6 and 7 of the Harbour Plaza building:

- Level 7 will have a new computer lab.
- There will be a new student lounge on Level 6, complete with coffee machine and comfortable seating.
- A pergola will be added to the Level 5 balcony, allowing its use in all weather.
- Classroom 602 will be expanded.
- Books in the library will be moved onto open shelves for student convenience.
- All classrooms will be fitted with new stereo systems and projectors.

We are confident that this new space will ensure SITCM students will have the physical resources they need to thrive.

Yifan Yang

SITCM News

- An [anonymous feedback page](#) has been added to Moodle to provide students another means of sharing their valuable suggestions with SITCM.
- Two new contract cheating sites have been blocked. In [a 2019 study](#), researchers bought 54 assignments from 18 contract cheating sites and found that 52% did not reach a pass grade, with many delivered to students late (or not at all). The consequences of using such sites are serious: any SITCM student found using a contract cheating site may be banned from graduating.
- As part of our commitment to academic integrity, all Bachelor of TCM first-year students must pass an Academic Misconduct Quiz to progress into their second year of study. This quiz will normally be taken in PRI104.
- The library has recently acquired 55 new books, including 'Chinese Auricular Acupuncture', 'Evidence-based Clinical Chinese Medicine - Volume 7: Insomnia' and 53 donated items.
- The SITCM website has undergone a significant update, with useful new pages such as [basic sentence writing](#) and [effective study tips](#) now online for students' viewing.

Key Student Feedback

Suggestion: That the process of accessing online journals not in the SITCM database be accelerated.

- The application process has been streamlined: students now just need to provide a completed application form (available on Moodle) to the librarian, Rosa. Rosa will process each application within two working days.

Suggestion: That the Wi-Fi signal be improved.

- By the end of July, Wi-Fi boosters will be installed into each room on campus.

Suggestion: That library hours be extended.

- Library hours are extended to 8:30am to 6pm weekdays, effective immediately. If the librarian is unavailable, please request library access at the reception desk.

Suggestion: That more student spaces be built.

- The campus expansion includes a new student lounge and computer room, as well as upgraded balcony space on Level 5.

Suggestion: That ventilation in Room 602 be improved.

- Room 602 is currently being expanded and the ventilation improved.

Suggestion: That mock exams be added to clinic practice.

- From Semester 2, 2019, clinic students can take one optional mock exam per semester.

Suggestion: That critical thinking skills be emphasised in clinic practice.

- A critical thinking assessment task has been added for all clinic students (refer to the 'Note' section of your clinic handbook).

VET Updates

- VET is offering 3 courses this semester: Certificate IV in Massage Therapy, Diploma of Remedial Massage and Diploma of TCM Remedial Massage.
- The NCVET will soon be sending survey invitations to SITCM's former VET students. We encourage our former students to complete this survey.
- A 1-hour massage session (including 15 mins consultation) at the SITCM Clinic is \$25, but you can buy a 5-session voucher for just \$95. See opening hours [here](#).

Other Matters

- Would you like to see something included in future issues of the Newsletter? Send an email to damien.mathews@sitcm.edu.au.
- If you face an issue that cannot be solved by your lecturer, consider contacting the administration office to book a meeting with the Student Support Officer or Academic Support Officer.
- Australia has six national TCM associations, all of which accept student members. We encourage you to join one or more to be a part of the national TCM community.
 - Australian Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association
 - Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Society of Australia Ltd
 - Chinese Medicine Industry Council
 - Federation of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Societies of Australia
 - Australian Natural Therapists Association
 - Australian Traditional Medicine Society



Word from Student Reps

Hi everyone. This section is by Felix Niland, the Chairperson of the Student Representative Group (SRG) and a member of the Academic Board, and Teresa Huynh, the Student Member of the Teaching & Learning Committee (TLC).

What are the SRG and TLC? The SRG is a place for your class reps to let SITCM know honestly what you like, don't like, or have questions about with regards to your whole experience at SITCM. The TLC is focused on academic issues that may come out of that discussion.

The reason we have an SRG is because there's feedback you might feel more comfortable providing - anonymously if you wish - to a fellow student, rather than your lecturer or an SITCM staff member. There's also sometimes issues that only a fellow class member can truly appreciate. Your student representatives will be communicated to you each semester, but now or at any time, you are welcome to email Felix at felix@sitcm.edu.au or to use the [anonymous feedback](#) page on Moodle.

We started this section because we know that sometimes it seems like your feedback isn't heard: one reason is that a change suggested by a class in 2019 will often be put into place in 2020 when that same unit is run again. Another reason is that sometimes SITCM are unable to act upon feedback, for example due to regulatory requirements. The final reason is that, of course, SITCM could sometimes do things better. The Chinese Medicine and Education industries are always changing, and it can be difficult, but that doesn't mean we

aren't trying. We want to improve, so here's two ways we're going to do that:

- 1) Starting now, everyone who non-anonymously submits feedback will receive a reply - even if the changes won't affect them. This will happen 1-on-1, in this newsletter, via messages from your SRG class representative, via Rosa regarding clinic, via Kenny regarding the admin changes, and so on.
- 2) We encourage you to expect a high standard. If you submit an issue and don't hear back, or you are unsure about the reply, please reach out again - such as to felix@sitcm.edu.au, or a staff member. Again, not all feedback can be acted upon, but we want you to know we received it, and we want you to know why we responded the way we did.

How does that sound? We'd love your feedback!

Good luck this semester, and thanks for reading.

Felix & Teresa

Industry Updates

On 29 April 2019, the Therapeutic Goods Administration published a safety alert that the herb Fallopia multiflora (also called he shou wu) has been associated with a low risk of liver damage in rare cases. Consequently, listed medicines containing Fallopia multiflora for oral use require the following warning on the product label: 'Warning: Fallopia multiflora may harm the liver in some people. Use under the supervision of a healthcare professional.'



Upcoming Events

- **Start-up Kit for New TCM Practitioners**

Date: 20 July (Sat),

1:00pm – 4:00pm (herbal formula)

5:00pm – 8:00pm (acupuncture)

Venue: Classroom 1, SITCM

Presenters: Yifan Yang, Daniel Deng

Registration: library@sitcm.edu.au

- **Library Tour**

Date: 9 August (Fri), 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Venue: Library, SITCM

Presenter: Rosa Zhang

Registration: library@sitcm.edu.au

- **Academic Writing**

Date: 16 August (Fri), 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Venue: Classroom 2, SITCM

Presenter: Priscilla Guo

Registration: library@sitcm.edu.au

- **Complete Student Guide to Turnitin**

Date: 16 August (Fri), 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Venue: Classroom 2, SITCM

Presenter: Kenny Liang

Registration: library@sitcm.edu.au

- **Interprofessional Series 1: Typical Cases
in a Day of General Practice**

Date: 16 August (Fri), 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Classroom 710, SITCM

Presenter: Angela Kwang

Registration: No registration required*

- **AACMA Information**

Date: 28 August (Wed), 11:20am – 1:20pm

Venue: Classroom 1, SITCM

Presenter: Si Ning Luo

Registration: No registration required*

A representative from the peak Chinese medicine association will deliver updated industry information to SITCM students.

- **Interprofessional Series 2: Chiropractic
Care for Spinal Related Disorders**

Date: 30 August (Fri), 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Classroom 710, SITCM

Presenter: Chi Ko Huang

Registration: No registration required*

- **International TCM Conference**

Date: 8 September (Sun), 9:00am – 6:00pm

Venue: UTS (all day), SITCM (afternoon)

Contact no: 1300367136

Contact email: fcma2009@gmail.com

- **Interprofessional Series 3: Understanding
and Collaborating with Psychologists**

Date: 27 September (Fri), 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Classroom 710, SITCM

Presenter: Morag Paterson

Registration: No registration required*

- **Chinese Medicine Registration**

Date: 6 November (Wed), 11.20am – 1.20pm

Venue: Classroom 2, SITCM

Presenter: Debra Gillick

Registration: No registration required*

The CEO of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia will address final year students on the meaning and requirements of registration.

- **5th Int'l TCM Conference of Australia**

Date: 8, 9 November (Fri, Sat), all day

Venue: Building 7, UTS

Contact no: 02 97276831

Contact email: cmasatcm@hotmail.com

- **Interprofessional Series 4: Physiotherapy
& Knee Pain and Related Problems**

Date: 6 December (Fri), 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Classroom 710, SITCM

Presenter: Rosanne Ng

Registration: No registration required*

*If CPD certificate needed, contact library@sitcm.edu.au