Roles and responsibilities of being a student

Being a student at RMIT can be a wonderful experience... one where you are able to meet new friends, participate in social activities and learn in a flexible and stimulating educational environment. However, you need to balance your life so that you maximise your chances of success.

I have already mentioned the need to become an independent, active and self directed learner.

This means that you need to manage your time effectively. If you have any concerns about this then attend the many workshops offered by the Learning Skills Unit to assist you.

You also need to monitor your own learning.

This means recognising what you already know about a topic, but also recognising what you don’t yet know, but need to ask questions and find out about. You must be an active participant in your own learning process.

Learn to use your diary effectively. If you note a week in advance that an assignment is due the following week you can be prepared in advance. This will help you to work towards deadlines, and keep stress to a minimum.

Learn quickly how to use the RMIT e-resources, and navigate the Distributed Learning System, or the Learning Hub.

One of the main skills you need to learn is that of critical thinking, critical evaluation and analysis. You are expected to form your own opinions, based on what you have read, but at the same time, be able to support your opinions with references from your research.

In the Business Portfolio you are given guides on how referencing must be presented.