



# Just a piece of paper?

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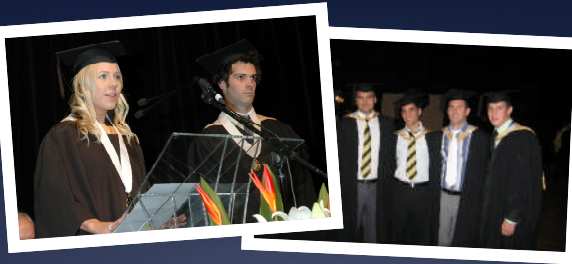
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## Is it just a piece of paper to you?

- What made you choose the BSCA degree at ACPE?
- What types of jobs do you think you will be applying for at the end?
- Will you complete further tertiary studies?

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## Overview

- \* Background
- \* Three main moments:
  - \* PD112: Grassroots football
  - \* PD212: Officiating bias
  - \* MM321: Football United project
- \* Survival tips; ACPE culture
- \* Student Representative Group (SRG)
  - \* "The voice of the students!"
- \* Question time...

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## Background

- \* Finished HSC in 1998; UAI of 56.55
- \* Worked in real estate industry from 1999 – 2006
  - \* LJ Hooker, McGrath, Raine & Horne and View Property Agents
  - \* Jobs included; Property Officer (Leasing), Sales Support, Property Manager, Sales, Marketing and New Business Consultant
- \* Coaching at grassroots level; boys, junior to youth
  - \* Hold FFA Youth Coaching Licence or Level 2
- \* Football fan for over 20 years; interested in media and have my own blog – <http://www.mrfootball.net>

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## BSCA 03/07 degree highlights

- Working on some challenging and exciting projects
- Making friends for life and networking with the right people
- Beginning to understand who "I" am and where "I" want to be

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## Making friends...

*"The great difference between voyages rests not in ships but in the people you meet on them."*

– Amelia Barr

*"Friends are an aid to the young, to guard them from error; to the elderly, to attend to their wants and to supplement their failing power of action; to those in the prime of life, to assist them to noble deeds."*

– Aristotle

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**Three main moments:**

- PD112: Grassroots football
- PD212: Officiating bias
- MM321: Football United project

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**PD112:**  
Grassroots football

- Problem-based learning suits my style of learning
- Got to work on grassroots football issues
- Interviewed former Socceroo and SBS Chief Football Analyst, **Craig Foster**
- Top mark in the class; HD for both the presentation and tutorial paper on **Dutch Football Methodology**
- Challenge of working in groups
- Real problems that need solving; career opportunities



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**PD212:**  
Officiating bias

- Heavily undervalued and important area of sport
- Worked specifically on **bias** and **decision-making**
- Interviewed current FIFA, AFC and Hyundai A-League referee, **Matthew Breeze**
- Top mark in the class; HD for both the presentation and tutorial paper on **Officiating Bias in Football**
- Built strong relationship with top Australian football referee
- Devised data protocol template for assessing referee decision-making



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### MM321: Football United project

- Working with refugees and underprivileged kids in underdeveloped communities
- Chose to run a **Gala Day** event for Year 7 students at **Granville South High School**
- Personally organised an appearance from Central Coast Mariners midfielder and ex-student of GSHS, **Ahmad Elrich**
- Involved local media; article in the **Paramatta Advertiser**
- Showcased my skills to **Football United**; been offered professional experience to work on their World Cup event



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### Year 7 Gala Day Granville South High School Tuesday, 19 May 2009



!Football United!

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### Survival tips

- \* Keep yourself motivated
- \* Get involved with College life (Uni Games, SRG etc.)
- \* Understand the value of the **Library**
- \* Constantly bug your **Lecturers**
- \* Read your assessment **feedback**
- \* Consider this a **"GAME!"**

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."  
- Pelé



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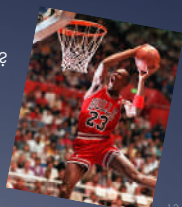
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## Know your strengths

- \* Are you a technical or conceptual thinker?
  - \* Analytical or creative?
- \* For group work, assign tasks based on strengths
- \* Morning or afternoon person?
- \* Visual, audible or kinesthetic learner?
- \* Good communicator or shy?
- \* Self-starter or procrastinator?



"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come."

- Michael Jordan

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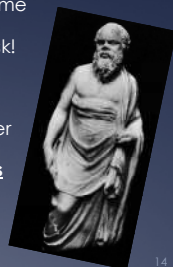
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## Seek out your weaknesses

- \* Don't be put off by your marks from **Semester One**
- \* Weaknesses become strengths with time
- \* No question is a stupid question, so ask!
- \* Challenge yourself, you have to
- \* Do not fear failure, it is a great teacher
- \* "P's get degrees" is a saying for **losers**



"The unexamined life is not worth living."

- Socrates

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## Working out your GPA

- \* Each mark has a value from 1 to 4
  - \* P = 1, C = 2, D = 3, HD = 4 (F = Nil, obviously)
- \* Add each mark and divide by 16 (4 units x max. 4)
- \* Each semester has a total of 4 units (or subjects), each year 8, the degree a total of 24 (8 x 3)
- \* To work out your GPA at any stage, divide the total sum of your final marks by the number of units completed; to work out your average as a %, divide by the sum of the number of units completed
  - \* E.g. HD, D, C, P = 10 (4 + 3 + 2 + 1) out of a max. 16
  - \*  $10 \div 16 = 62.5\%$  or **Pass / GPA** is  $10 \div 4 = 2.5$

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## There is always a cost '\$'

- \* Cost per **Unit** = \$2,015
- \* Cost per **Semester** = \$8,060
- \* Cost per **Week** = \$671.66
- \* Cost per **Unit per Week** = \$167.91
- \* Cost per **Hour** = \$55.97
- \* FEE-HELP add **20% interest**



**WAKE UP, THIS IS COSTING YOU!**

Don't throw your money away...

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## Gen Y: Apathy, a myth?

- \* 18 to 29 year olds
- \* Cocky, carefree and too lazy to work for what they want
- \* Gen Y has **no idea** about world issues
- \* Parent-funded; kids of baby boomers
- \* SMS/MySpace/YouTube/Facebook/Twitter
- \* Indifferent, apathetic, dumb and spoiled
- \* **Gen Y: All the gear and no idea**



*"But above all, I will never forget who this victory truly belongs to – it belongs to you... It grew strength from the young people who rejected the myth of their generation's apathy..."*

– Barack Obama

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## Networking

- \* Start now!
- \* Put together a rough plan of where you want to be in three years time; be realistic
- \* Tap into the College's contacts and resources
- \* Attend career days and seminars
- \* Don't be afraid to ask; what's the worst they could say? No. So what, you lost nothing.
- \* Rejection is normal but attitude is everything, keep asking and make it happen
- \* First impressions last, look/act professional – ALWAYS!

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### SBS's The World Game

*Bozza's climb back to the top*  
Monday, 8 June 2009 | 16:25 Anthony Siokos

Through networking I got a feature story on SBS's leading football website, *The World Game*



<http://theworldgame.sbs.com.au/australia/bozzas-climb-back-to-the-top-191277>

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### SRG for 2010?

- \* Student Representative Group
- \* The voice of the students
- \* Leadership role; great for your résumé
- \* Need strong representation from BSCA degree
- \* Let's kick PE's arse; best cohort at the College by far
- \* See Kel Vernon, Jamie Breden and Glen McFadden
- \* Don't always rely on Ben Harris, he's not God!

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### Picture yourself at your graduation!

- What did you achieve?
- Where do you want to go from here?
- Dream big! You're a part of the next generation of this country's leaders.

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