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**OUR CEO's MESSAGE**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

On behalf of all at AISI, I hope you all had a nice break and that you are all rearing to go in moving forward in 2009.

In 2009 our eNewsletter aims to continue to be a continuous referral for all who are associated with AISI in informing you of all that is current with us. It promised to be a medium of continued interest and information for you through its published updates. In line with our philosophy on continuous improvement and advancement forward, whilst our students were on vacation, AISI staff worked hard during our Staff Professional Development Day and beyond to implement further developments as a result of detailed evaluations of all our systems pertaining to our courses and indeed in keeping with the current trends within the industry.

Areas which were developed were our course content, taking into consideration industry related recommendations, our record keeping system, our assessment methods, practical class assessments and overall class and course scheduling.

All the developments are of great benefit above all to our students, to our trainers and our administration staff. All new advancements and approaches to these have made attaining qualifications more effective and efficient as competence in all required areas is achieved. It has been very pleasing and reassuring that all students that have attended classes since our return, share our positive outlook on all that has been implemented. Their enthusiasm and encouraging words have been the best compliments we could have started our new academic year with.

Students are invited to check the noticeboard where a summary of all developments has been placed for everyone's perusal.

Despite some world-wide troubling times, AISI has commenced this new year 2009 on a very positive note with wonderful growth and continued support from all our colleagues worldwide. Both Stelios and I would like to wish all students and staff at AISI a wonderful academic year filled with exciting and productive teaching and learning, as we "move forward" on our continuing journey in education together.  
Roula Tsiolas – AISI CEO

**AISI AWARDS 2008**

AISI students and teachers were rewarded throughout 2008, with the exceptional performance of so many members of our student body with all the practical and theoretical work that was conducted. Teachers and students would comment throughout the year of their enjoyment and wonderful learning experience. It is always very



**STUDENT  
SPOTLIGHT**  
**Mohamed Ifthikar**



**Mohamed Ifthikar (Sri Lanka)**

"I spent a lot of time researching Australian institutes prior to choosing AISI. I choose AIS Institute because of the reputation of their communication engineering academics. They have strong backgrounds and have conducted years of research in my field of digital signal processing. Australia is also leading the way in this technology. I believe that studying my Diploma of Mechanical Engineering at AIS Institute( Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineering) will provide me with high-class research skills and lead to an excellent qualification."

rewarding to hear from students that all that they have learned at AISI from our highly qualified, professional and experienced training team, that they have been able to utilise in the real work environment.



Student of the Year 2008 Award was unanimously awarded to Jean Claude Bertrande, originally from Mauritius, for his exceptional academic performance throughout the year. Jean Claude has made his family, his teachers and all at AISI proud to have had him as our student. We congratulate Jean Claude and wish him continued success as he moves into the next phase of his course of study at AISI in 2009.



Certificate of appreciation granted to Manoj for his assistance and support to Richard Milligan and AISI as part of the pit crew who attended the racing tournaments throughout 2008.



Certificate of appreciation granted to Chopra for his assistance and support to Richard Milligan and AISI as part of the pit crew who attended the racing tournaments throughout 2008.

## **SNAPSHOTS FROM 2008 END OF YEAR BBQ AT THE AISI WORKSHOP CAMPUS IN THORNBURY**



AISI trainer, Hugh enjoying a drink and a laugh with his students at the BBQ, along with the friendly and happy AISI students from China enjoying the company of Janice and Ervin, our Administration Team at the end of year BBQ.



# STUDENT SERVICES BLOG

Cariad Barron



Hi everyone ... hope you all had a fantastic start to 2009 and that this year will be bigger, better and more prosperous than 2008.

I am originally from Cape Town, South Africa, my family emigrated to Auckland, New Zealand in 1997. I moved to Australia in 2004 and started my career in education in 2005. The road was never straight, always diverting to other industries but I always ended up back in education because the joys of interacting with students from different backgrounds and walks of life made life very interesting and the job was never a bore.

AISI had opened its arms to me in April 2008, as the Admissions Officer, but have since received extra responsibilities within the Academic department, and I have had a fantastic time within this position... assisting agents with offer letters and CoEs or answering general questions about the institute to prospective students from local and abroad. Being available to current students for a quick chat or assisting with an urgent document to hand over to DIAC.

To all current students, staff members and AISI representatives, thank you for making every day at AISI an interesting and enjoyable place to work at.



We discovered that AISI Students have many talents: they cook a great BBQ!!!!



Stelios and Bob



Students enjoying the day!



Azfar and Cariad



Sanjeev with Cariad and Janice.



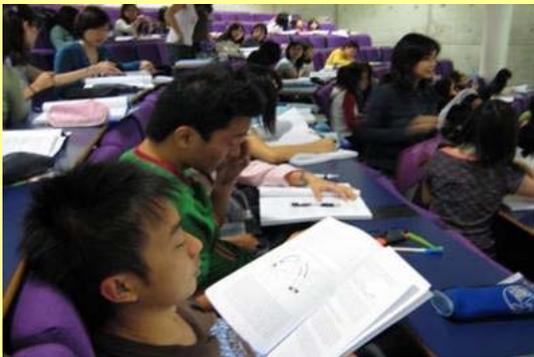


Remembering the wonderful racing performance of AISI sponsored MG racing car.....!!!

## NEW for 2009

### Certificate III in Business, Certificate IV in Business and Diploma of Business Management

We are proud to announce the addition of even more new courses at the Australian Industrial Systems Institute. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2008, AISI is offering Courses in **Certificate III in Business**, **Certificate IV in Business** and **Diploma of Business Management**. You can view all courses that are on the AISI Scope of offerings on the NTIS website. ([www.ntis.gov.au](http://www.ntis.gov.au))



### Certificate III, IV and Diploma courses in Building and Construction and Certificate III qualifications in Carpentry.

**Building** - The Certificate III course is for students who wish to work in the Low Rise Structural Framing trade, the Certificate IV is designed to meet the needs of builders and managers of small-medium building businesses and the Diploma has been designed to meet the needs of builders where a builder is the person who coordinates the construction of a building taking responsibility for the overall completion of the job, including selecting contractors, overseeing the work and its quality, and liaising with the client.

**Carpentry** -The Certificate III is part of the General Construction Training Package, and provides training for employment as a Carpenter.

## RACING WITH RICHARD

Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb, Sunday 30 November

Congratulations to Richard and the pit crew for being placed 3rd overall in the last racing event for 2008.

Thank you to all students who had participated in the 2008 Racing with Richard program either as part of the pit crew or as spectators. For the 2009 program the institute would like to see more students involved (either as pit crew or as spectators), because valuable information and insight into the racing world is seen and experienced firsthand.



## ACADEMIC TERM BREAKS

2009: End of Year AISI office times

AISI office will be closed from 22 December 2008 and re-open on 5 January 2009

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