

MAKING FRIENDS

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Ahhh yes, the joy of awkwardly putting yourself out there to make new friends. For some of you, this is a skill that comes naturally. But for many, it can be a terrifying experience. Personally, I love meeting new people, which sounds like a pretty cliché thing to say for an extrovert. But just remember, making the first move is a lot easier than you think because there is a high chance that the other person is just as terrified as you are. I'm aware that this sounds similar to asking someone out. But do you know what the difference is? It is highly unlikely that the individual will say no to being your friend.

With that being said, I'm speaking from personal experience when I say that making friends is a lot easier than you think. When I first started, I didn't know anyone in my cohort and was somewhat nervous about starting from scratch again. I didn't want to go through law school not knowing anybody and I really wanted to form a cute study group, so whenever I had the opportunity, I would introduce myself to somebody I didn't know and start forming connections from there. Luckily for me, I had met some lovely people on my first-year orientation day. Once I had made one friend, it was a lot easier putting myself out there to make more friends.

If there is one tip that I could give for making friends is to attend as many AULSS events as possible! Some of my best memories at University were made during these events and I have formed so many friendships with students from both my year and the years above. And if you don't believe me, here's what one of your fellow first years, Taylor Portelli, has to say about her experience in the law school so far!

So firstly, how has your law school experience over the first few weeks been?

Taylor: It's actually been great! I've been really fortunate in that I've made quite a few friends within my degree as well as entered it with existing friends. I have an amazing seminar leader for foundations which has made going to classes an enjoyable and fun experience. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year!

DATES TO REMEMBER

First Year Elections

- Voting – Monday to Wednesday Week 4, 10am to 2pm

Problem and Short Answer Question 101

- Wednesday Week 4, 2pm

Research and AGLC 101

- Wednesday Week 5, 2pm

First Year Q&A

- Wednesday Week 5, 6pm

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REGISTRATION LINKS

Problem and Short Answer Question 101

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/problem-and-short-answer-questions-101-tickets-145009241545>

Research and AGLC 101

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/research-and-aglc-101-tickets-145960490757>

First Year Q&A

- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/first-year-qa-tickets-146102074237>

Did you initially find it easy/difficult to make friends around the law school?

Taylor: I've found it really easy to make friends so far. I honestly wasn't really planning on social activities being a large part of this year as I'm not on campus much but it's been really great so far and the events hosted by the AULSS have been a fantastic way to get to know people.

What has been your most memorable experience?

Taylor: That's a tough one, although that's probably just because I'm really forgetful. My Foundations group was really lucky to go and see a great case for our court report assessment which was super interesting, however, strangely enough, the random hair dryers in the bathroom at Atlantis are probably the standout memory so far.

If you could give any tips on how to make friends to your fellow first years or future law students, what would it be?

Taylor: As overused as it is, I'd say being yourself is one of the most important things and how you're going to find people with similar mentalities you can genuinely get along with! Going along to law specific events is a really great way to get to know your cohort in a really relaxed and fun environment too, making it easy to make friends and know your peers.

As Taylor said, it is important to be yourself! Each of us have our own things to offer and it is important not to get sucked into ideas of fitting in by mimicking others. We all want to get to know you as you are, and think that you are all wonderful! And remember, if worse comes to worst, you already have three friends in the form of the Education Portfolio, and I don't know about you but I think we are a pretty great bunch! Joking aside, we really are your friends, whether we have already met you or are yet to meet you. So, whilst you are making your other friends at our awesome AULSS events, don't forget to come say hi to Nadeesha, Ikhwan and myself!!

Best wishes in your friend making endeavours,
Bryan