

The KDU way to study in Australia

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THOSE who want to study in Australia should choose a foundation programme that smoothens the way into their undergraduate studies. The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Foundation Year, which is offered only in KDU College, would be the perfect choice as it is one of Australia's leading foundation courses and the longest established foundation programme in Australia.

This is what Chong Wee Kean did, choosing KDU College as he intended to study Actuarial Science in The University of New South Wales in Australia.

"I see this as a big advantage for me as this programme will prepare me for my degree," said Wee Kean.

Talking about the transition of being a



Chong Wee Kean

secondary school student to being a college student, he said: "My life in KDU College is like jumping from the Malacca Straits (my high school life) into the South China Sea, a whole new world where I learn different cultures and people."

As KDU College teems with international students, he

finds himself immersed into a multicultural society, with an opportunity to learn about other unique lifestyles

He also felt that college life is indeed very different. "In college, I do not just sit and listen to lecturers or tutors. The classes are small, and everyone is encouraged to speak up, give opinions, and even argue rationally.

"We are treated as adults and expected to be independent and complete our homework and exercises."

KDU students are equipped with skills to become independent, self-motivated life-long learners. They learn that education does not stop once they receive their scrolls, but rather a life-long learning process and pursuit.

"It is all up to us to decide to be serious and participate in classes or just simply slack and get left behind.

"Gone are the days of being spoon-fed by notes by high school and tuition teachers. In short, we are being trained to be independent in college. This learning style is indeed preparing for us in our university lives."

Wee Kean will pursue his degree in The University of New South Wales Bachelor of Commerce programme, specialising in Actuarial Studies.

Despite hearing from many people that this is a very difficult course and that many students could not cope with the stress, he is still very interested in this field as he just simply loves challenges and most importantly, numbers.

He will be spending three years in the degree program, and also intends to pursue the Honours Degree in Actuarial Studies.

The UNSW Foundation Year is a full programme with a wide range of subjects and is a university entrance qualification recognised by the UNSW and all universities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Students can choose between the Commerce and Science streams, depending on their interests as well as choice of study areas.

For 10 consecutive years, KDU students have chartered a 100 per cent passing rate for the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Foundation Year.

This is due to the fact that the programme is taught by dedicated and experienced teaching staff, and is taught in a smaller teacher to student ratio.

KDU's close collaboration with its top-ranking foreign university partners ensures

students of globally-recognised qualifications that are equivalent to those awarded by the partners' home campuses.

KDU students thus have the best of both worlds at their doorstep.

The college also offers the Cambridge GCE A-Level and KDU Foundation Studies, as well as a wide range of diploma programmes, as well as degree programmes with top international universities from UK, Australia and Switzerland.

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