Peer Mentoring @ UNSW

Established in 2002 to implement, foster and coordinate the provision of Peer Mentoring programs for first year students across UNSW, Peer Mentoring @ UNSW is now a significant part of the UNSW strategy for enabling the transition and retention of commencing students. It has also evolved into a major vehicle for professional and personal development for Mentors to acquire graduate capabilities, employability and life skills.

Program Reach

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Benefits*

**Top 3 benefits of being a Mentor:**
1. Improved Leadership skills
2. Improved Communication skills
3. Making social contacts / friends

**Top 3 benefits of having a Mentor:**
1. Knowing I had someone to ask if I needed to
2. Understanding what is required of me to be successful at university
3. Accessing university services and resources

Impact*

95% of Mentees who regularly engaged with the program feel that participating in Peer Mentoring made their transition to university easier.

90% of Mentees who regularly engaged with the program feel that participating in Peer Mentoring helped them feel a part of the university.

97% of all Mentees surveyed would recommend to a first year student to join a Peer Mentoring program.

Student Voices*

“The most enjoyable part of the mentoring program was meeting new people with similar goals and interests, the fun weekly meet ups and the development of lasting friendships with both fellow mentees and the mentors”. (Mentee, CSE Mentoring Program, 2019)

“It was fun going through the first Uni experience again with your Mentee, but this time with more informed decisions, and the joy of helping while also gaining valuable qualities”. (Mentor, Cultural Mentoring Program, 2019)

* as described by students in the T1 2019 Peer Mentoring Evaluation survey

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