Student Engagement

Understanding

Understanding what needs to be done to complete studies

- Deadlines
- What success looks like in the subject
- Academic conventions (e.g. referencing)
- independent learning
- Sources of support & information
- Institutional rules and procedures
- Appropriate disciplinary knowledge & language
- How to submit assessments
- How to use feedback

Skills & Abilities

Capability to complete the tasks required for studying

- Learning to learn
- Managing time
- Writing for the subject
- Teechnical skills appropriate for the subject
- Using software
- Working in teams
- Communication skills
- Goal setting & breaking down complex tasks

Motivation & self-belief

Personal commitment to start and complete the tasks required

- Desire to learn
- Confidence to try
- Recognise and face up to imposter syndrome
- Commit to targets
- Attend classes, even when not enjoying them
- Set goals and stick at working on goals
- Overcome procrastination
- Seek help when don't understand the task at hand

Personal Capacity

Capacity to understand and, if needs be, overcome barriers to learning

- Understanding what might be a barrier
- Grit, adopting help-seeking behaviour
- Managing own levels of stress and anxiety

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