Hello everyone, my name is Laura, welcome to my vlog for 2014.

Ah today in the spirit of orientation week and first week back at uni, I wanted to run through some of the mistakes I made when I started uni, and hopefully this is going to act as a bit of a cautionary tale for everyone who is starting uni this year or intends on coming to uni in following years.

So firstly clubs and societies, join as many clubs as you can. It’s a great way to make friends, great way to meet people, great way to have a lot of fun.

Number 2: get to know your campus. Ah you need to learn how to co-inhabit this space with the ducks on campus.

So, couple of rules; one, do not feed the ducks unless you always want a crowd of them around you.

While ducks seem quite cute, when they’ve all got babies and they all walk across the road snuggling it’s great, don’t forget that that turns into this another quick tip, familiarise yourself with the doors and the entries and exits to the major venues, like the library.

You do not want to be the first year that face plats straight into the glass door. And yes, these are all genuine problems that happened to me during first year.

If you think that you’re poor now, wait until the first three months of uni are over.

My tips for saving money would definitely have to include pack you lunch. Another great money saver is if you drink responsibly, or at least cheaply.

You can also siphon off your friends drinks.

Number four is studying. So ah some of the key mistakes that people make are they don’t set goals early on in their year. They also don’t have a source of motivation.

So for me my source of inspiration comes from my bedroom wall, my map, which tells me to study hard, cos if I do, then I can work all around the world. Another good one is to use a planner. Here’s my lovely one here, it has tabs, and things.

I’m talking, like, full relaxation.

For me, that would be lighting up my room, with all my candles, and getting in my beanbag with a nice book.

Thankyou for watching and good luck with your orientation.