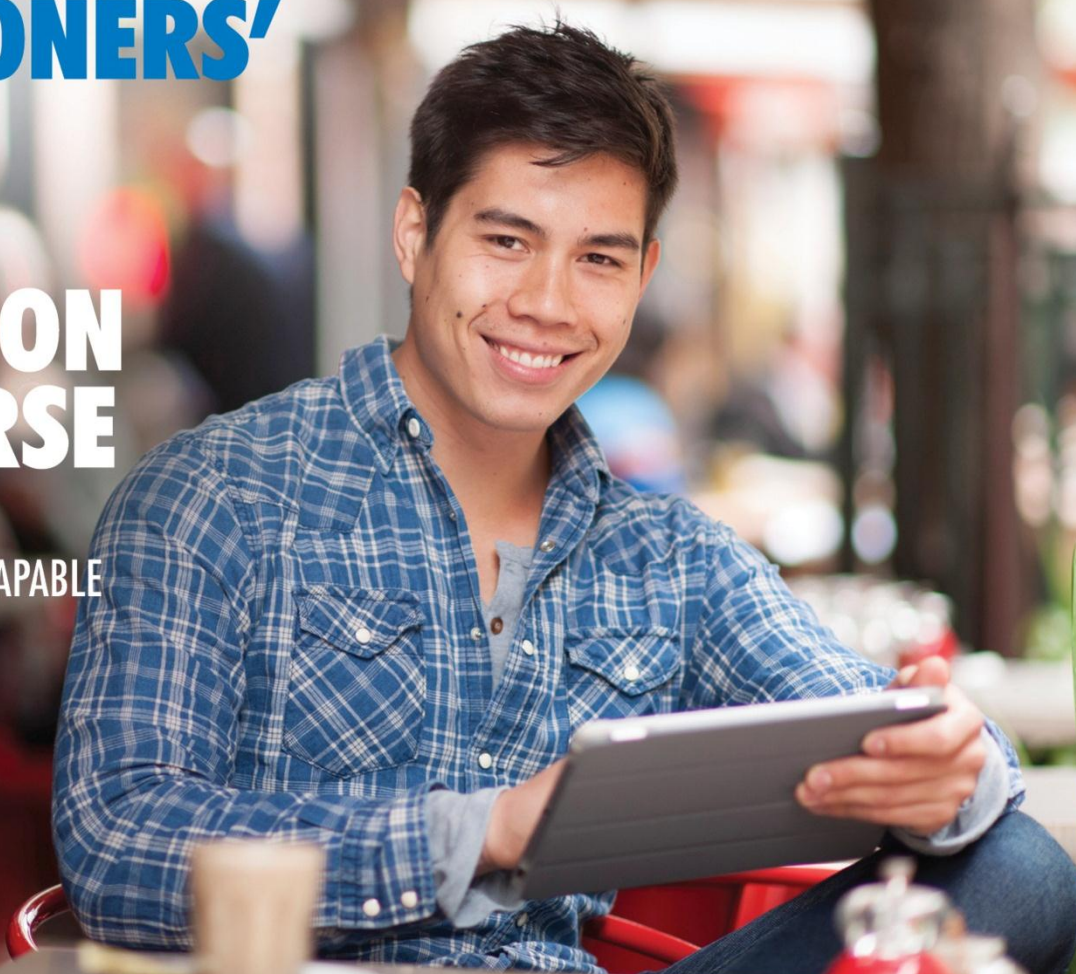


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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL (VUI)

Mandy Wong
24 May 2013

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY: KEY FACTS

- 97-year history of teaching in Melbourne's west
- Granted university status in 1991
- More than 48,000 students and 2700 staff
- Over 250 courses offered to international students across 9 colleges
- Eight campuses in the city centre and west of Melbourne offering courses to international students

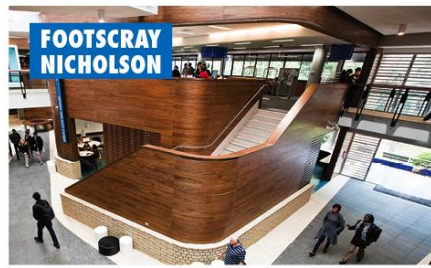


WHAT WE DO - VUI

- We recruit students from onshore and offshore – our biggest markets are in Australia, China, Vietnam and Malaysia
- Link with a wide network of agents to increase our recruitment reach
- Provide social support to students in the form of orientation, organised activities and events, student as staff program and formal support in the form of counselling and language support
- Actively involved with Colleges and departments across the university to increase the profile of International Students and act as a voice for their needs

OUR CAMPUSES

We have eight campuses in Melbourne, three of which are in the central business district (CBD) of Melbourne and four within ten kilometres of the CBD. We also have a campus in the centre of Sydney.



COURSES WE OFFER

- We have a large range of courses from TAFE through to Postgraduate study – approximately 245 courses currently available
- Most popular HE courses are Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Master of Accounting, Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Social Work
- Most popular TAFE courses are Nursing, Engineering and Hospitality
- 2013 brochures now available

ACCOMMODATION



Student Village

- Located in Highpoint
- Close to public transport
- Travel to the City, Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans campus is easy.
- Accommodation fees (weekly): \$169

To apply : student.village@vu.edu.au

Victoria Place

- Located in Footscray
- 2 minutes walk to Footscray Park Campus
- Fully furnished
- Accommodation fees (weekly): From \$180 -\$265
- To apply: Victoria.Place@vu.edu.au



VTAC AND DIRECT APPLICATIONS

- VTAC preferences go directly to faculties and once approved return to VUI for processing – we must issue the offer within 48 hours
- International students receive a VU “offer letter” – in addition to their VTAC offer letter – they must accept the VU offer letter
- We will accept applications directly from the student to our online system, usually after the VCE results have been released
- Entry requirements differ from year to year and usually follow the VTAC guide
- Most courses require at least 20 in VCE units 3 and 4 English or 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

MY EXPERIENCE AT VU

Saied Altabaa

Current student: Bachelor of Business – Information Systems

Current Student As Staff – Admission & Enrolment Section (AES)

A DECISION TO MAKE

- Getting in...
- Time management
- Culture shock
- Language barriers

“Do you think that you can speak English?”

- Critical decision – my first challenge



APPLYING TO AUSTRALIA

- Finding a decent agent
- Understand the process
- Documents preparations
- Authentic translation (if required)
- Leaving job
- Visa requirements
- Expect the unexpected
- Getting the visa... First relief



MY ACADEMIC JOURNEY

- English language
- Struggles with previous school
- Bachelor of Business – Information Systems (BBIS)
- Assignments
- Personal story – Passing a subject
- The policy I love.. “Open Door Policy”
- My first challenge at VU
- Student’s responsibilities



AN ONGOING JOURNEY

- Assistance from academics
- Academic progress
- Learning outcomes
- Graduate capabilities
- Relation to the real market
- Am I getting the recent updates?
- Information sessions, seminars...etc
- Work experience from / via VU



MY SOCIAL LIFE AT VU

- Clubs & societies
 - International Student Association (**ISA**)
 - VU Students Union (**VUSU**)
- **Free** games at the stadium – **Western Bulldogs**
- Friends & family
- New connections
- Hobbies & personal interests
- International Student Support (**ISS**)

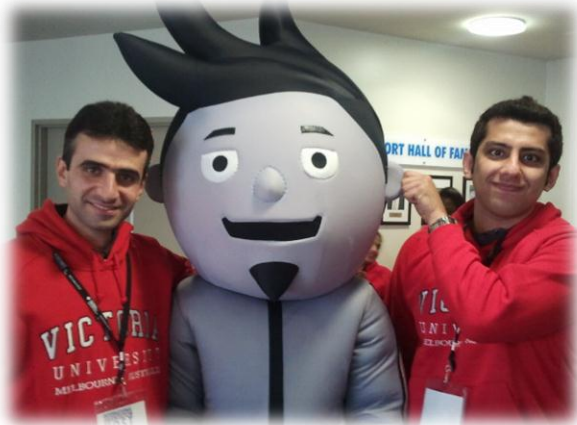


**WESTERN
BULLDOGS**

STILL CAN'T FIND FUN... EASY



Societies



Host

Events

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Mentor other students
- Host a campus event
- Participate in VU's governance committees as a student nominee
- VU Committees
- Student Leadership Council Committee
- Volunteer For You (V4U) day – Sept 2013
- Personal Development workshops



WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL)

- Business Integrated Learning (BIL): recognition of studies
- Professional legal practice: 150 hrs of legal profession
- Related to the course
- Add value to the resume

- **Working history at VU:**
- VU International (VUI)
- Web Future Group (WFG)
- Admission & Enrolment Section (AES)



STUDENT AS STAFF (SAS)

- Enhance your public relations, communication and leadership skills
- Gain valuable work experience
- Broaden your networks
- Meet new people
- Give back to your university
- Have Fun!



IT'S ALL ABOUT FACILITIES

- Gym & aquatic centre
- Library
- Quiet study rooms
- Computers labs
- E-mail access... **Forever**
- iPhone app
- Convention centres
- Career services
- Food – **Halal (Muslims)**
- Prayer rooms



MORE SERVICES...

- Pre-Arriving
- Airport reception – **International students only**
- Accommodation
- Counselling
- Student progress
- Student complaints resolution
- Deferring, reducing, increasing subjects, previous studies



BEYOND MY DEGREE...

- Student Career Development
- Online Career Portfolio
- Counseling
- Job search and employment preparation
- Networking opportunities – **up to 2 years**
- Skills development
- Resume assistance
- Continuation to a higher education



MY HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT VU

- Too many critical life curves
- Remains in life forever - memories
- A holistic learning system
- “Open Door Policy”
- Non-stop knowledge development
- For me.... It's simply



*“The enjoyment of challenge
The glory of achieving”*

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