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THE LITTLE BOOK OF BIG IDEAS

YEAR 10 GUIDE



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STAR IN YOUR OWN FUTURAMA

YOUR FUTURE STARTS TODAY

When you were younger, you may have dreamt of being a performer, a fire fighter or a lawyer. Maybe you wanted to be a teacher, a nurse or builder? Now you're in Year 10, it's time to start thinking about what you'd really like to do. Your dreams may have changed, but this is an exciting time, as you can be whatever you want to be! To give yourself the best chance to get into your chosen course when you leave school, it's a good idea to start planning now. It may seem a bit early but many courses, including apprenticeships and traineeships, require certain subjects in Years 11 and 12 as a prerequisite for entry. You want to make sure you're prepared.



WHERE DO YOU START?

We've put together this handy guide to start you off in the right direction. There are heaps of tips to help you decide what you'd like to do, as well as practical advice on how to get into different courses.

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WHEN I GROW UP...

I WANT TO BE A TEACHER, A LAWYER OR A PARAMEDIC

With so many options, choosing a career direction can be a tough decision. That's what makes it so exciting, too. You have the opportunity to do something you really love doing and get paid for it!

A good way to start is to write down a list of the subjects and activities you like at school, as well as what you like doing outside school. Also write down the things you're good at – this can be anything you like.

Once you've got a list of a few things you like doing, the next step is to find the course and career options that match your strengths and interests. Even if you only end up with a general idea of the area you want to study, it will give you some indication of the type of courses you may want to do. Then, research these courses and see exactly what subjects you need to do in Years 11 and 12 to gain entry. That way, you can keep your options open when it comes time to apply for courses.

To get an idea of where your interests are, do the Career Quiz at www.jobjuice.gov.au

Tip: Mark the response which best matches what you would like to do, rather than the one you think you can do. For a full guide on careers, check out your Job Guide.

PS. Remember, even though you're making some decisions about your future now, you're never locked into the choices you make. It's possible to change your course, or even your job. Many people start off in one job and then do something completely different. This is not that unusual.

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WE'RE KEEPING YOUR OPTIONS OPEN

DO YOU NEED TO COMPLETE YEAR 12?

That all depends on what you want to do.

Some careers don't require Year 12, you can just go straight into a traineeship or apprenticeship. However, completing Year 12 does open many more opportunities for you. It's all about finding the best fit for you.

WHAT'S AN ENTER?

When you complete Year 12, you'll get an Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank, or ENTER. The ENTER is a ranking that may be used by universities to select students for courses. It can be used as the only selection tool, or in conjunction with other selection criteria such as a folio, audition or interview.

WHY DO YOU NEED AN ENTER?

Many courses require you to have an ENTER to be eligible to apply. Every course has a different ENTER. TAFE courses select on a range of criteria and not just the ENTER.

Check the VTAC Guide for more information at www.vtac.edu.au

WHAT IS VET?

VET is Vocational Education and Training. While you're studying at school, you can learn a skill that can count towards your VCE or VCAL. Many VET subjects can contribute to your ENTER. Learn a skill, apply what you know and even earn some money while you're doing it!

SHOULD YOU DO VET?

Depending on what career you're interested in, VET can provide valuable experience through workplace learning. You can gain practical knowledge and a qualification recognised by TAFE providers and employers across Australia. These can assist you to move from school to work, to an apprenticeship, or into further training at TAFE or higher education. VU offers many different options to make the transition from school into your chosen field of work. To find out whether VET would benefit you, go to

VET in Schools: www.vu.edu.au/vetis

VET and VCAL links: www.education.vic.gov.au/students

WHAT ARE LEARNING PATHWAYS?

Learning Pathways are where you get maximum credit for prior learning. Credit can be given for learning through job training and life experience. If you've already done some work experience or extra study in a related subject area, you can get extra credit. For further information on learning pathways

www.vu.edu.au/pathways

TAFE OR HIGHER EDUCATION?

Once you've got some ideas on what you may like to do, see whether you need to do a vocational and further education (TAFE) or a higher education course for your chosen career.

Vocational education through TAFE offers a wide variety of certificates I-IV, diploma and advanced diploma courses, opening up many pathways that can lead into higher-level training, university and/or employment.

Higher education offers a variety of degrees, which are a minimum of three years duration. Many also offer diplomas, advanced diplomas, double degrees and honors programs. Most degree courses have prerequisites, so check which subjects you need to help plan your VCE program.

VU is one of the few universities in Australia that offers both degrees and vocational and further education (TAFE) courses. This means more courses and greater opportunities. You can do everything from Business and Law, to Modelling and Signwriting. It's up to you.

I'M WORRIED I WON'T GET INTO THE COURSE I WANT TO DO

Wherever you are with your studies, VU can help you to get into further education. Most of our courses, including law, accounting and public relations only require you to get a VCE with an English study score of at least 20 to be eligible for selection.

In addition, many VE/FE courses don't select on your ENTER alone. Selection may also be based on an interview, folio, or details you provide in a VU supplementary information form.

VU has both VE/FE and higher education courses, so if you get into a VE/FE course and then want to move into a higher education course, you can transfer credit over to a degree course. VU is committed to helping our students get to where they want to go.



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YOU'RE IN FOR AN EXPERIENCE

WHY CHOOSE VU?

There are lots of reasons why students choose to study at VU. Whether you want to be an engineer, lawyer, teacher, builder, psychologist or paramedic, VU offers many courses. Not to mention many pathways through vocational and further education VE/FE and higher education to get you exactly where you want to go. This means more career options, fantastic facilities and teachers on each of our campuses across Melbourne.

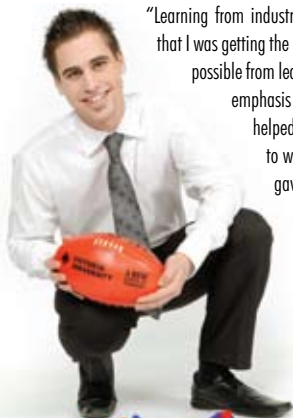
Students from VU have a huge advantage edge when it comes to finding a job. Employers prefer to recruit graduates that have real work experience. At VU, the aim is for every student to do industry or community work experience for 25% of their course.

VU also offers a huge range of social events and sports activities on every campus.

Here's what some of our students say...

MICHAEL SANDRY

- 2006** Bachelor of Business
(Tourism Management/Event Management)
- 2008** Events and Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Victoria University



“Learning from industry professionals reassured me that I was getting the best education and knowledge possible from leaders in my field of study. VU’s emphasis on Learning in the Workplace helped me gain the skills I needed to work in the Events Industry and gave me the confidence to start my own business.”

ESRA KAYA

- 2005** Certificate IV in Marketing
- 2005** Bachelor of Business (Management/Marketing)



“VU opened doors for me allowing me to enter into my dream course from a Certificate IV in Marketing into a Bachelor of Business (Management/Marketing) course.”

RHIANNA BRIDGETT

2006 Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)

2007 Certificate IV in Hospitality (Supervision)



"I went to a great campus, met new people and classes were hands-on. We called the teachers by their first names, which created a friendly and respectful atmosphere. The teachers had previously worked in the hospitality industry. Doing the course at VU was like you were working in a real restaurant."

NATHAN VAN HULST

2006 VCE VET in Schools Short Course Signwriting Certificate

Nov '06 Signwriting apprenticeship with Stone Age Signs, Laverton



"The career adviser at my high school told me about VET and a short course in Signwriting. I went to VU's Sunshine Campus and was in with apprentices who were doing their trade schooling, which was good because I learnt from them. I got hands-on signwriting experience and finished my VCE rather than just doing one or the other."

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WHATEVER NEXT?

START PLANNING EARLY

There are lots of things you can do now to decide which course is right for you. Make time to identify your strengths and interests, then find the course and careers that best match these.

If you're unsure of what you want to do, talk to lots of people! You can chat to your teachers and career adviser at school. It's also a great help if your parents or guardians can talk to you about their career experiences. They can offer personal insights and may be able to introduce you to a person who works in your interest area. An informal chat with a person in the job you're interested in can really help. You could also do some work experience in a particular field.

When you know what you want to do, ask your parents to help you with your subject and course choices. Talk to them about your strengths, interests, likes and dislikes, and all the things you've learnt from your work experience. Share your hopes and dreams for the future and together you can work out the best way to achieve them.

Then head along to university and VE/FE Open Days and talk to staff and students on campus. VU Open Day is held in August at our Footscray Park Campus. There'll be lots of friendly staff on hand to help give you advice on the right courses, the subjects you'll need and how to apply.



QUICK CHECKLIST

- ✓ Make time to identify your strengths and interests
- ✓ Find a course and career that best suits your strengths and interests
- ✓ Come to VU Open Day

Visit: www.vu.edu.au

Good luck. Your future starts here!



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WE'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE



SECTION 8

WHAT'S THAT WORD?

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Both prerequisites and extra requirements are often referred to as 'course requirements'. These must be met in order for you to be considered for course selection. Prerequisites refer to subjects and study scores, extra requirements may include additional forms, interviews, folios and auditions.

ENTER—EQUIVALENT NATIONAL TERTIARY ENTRANCE RANK

When you complete Year 12, you'll get an ENTER. The ENTER is calculated using study scores from your VCE subjects. The ENTER is an overall ranking based on VCE performance and is only designed for use in tertiary selection.

VCAL—VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning is an alternative to the standard VCE. The VCAL focuses on hands-on learning and vocational education.

VCE—VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The VCE is awarded to students who successfully complete their secondary education. It is recognised internationally, and provides pathways to further study at university, TAFE (Technical and Further Education) and employment.

VTAC—VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE

VTAC processes applications for degree courses and many TAFE courses. VTAC provides a link between universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges. VTAC does not select applicants.

