VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Careers for Young Women in Sport 2027



An interactive careers event for young women who are secondary school students

Thursday 22 April 2027

10am–2pm

Footscray Park Campus, Victoria University

Register now

Give your students a front-row seat to careers in sport

Know a student who loves sport but isn't sure where it could take her? This is for her.

Victoria University's Careers for Young Women in Sport is back for its sixth year, and the 2027 event has a brand new format. It's a free, hands-on day where female secondary students meet real women working across the sport industry and discover just how many career paths are out there.

Here's what the day looks like

Your students will:

- hear from keynote speaker Elke Bellgrove, National Governance and Integrity Manager at Hockey Australia
- meet women in sport through our new speed connect sessions, short group conversations with professionals in coaching, sport science, management, media, community development and more
- choose two hands-on masterclass sessions linked to VU courses in sport, health and business
- explore VU's world-class sport facilities and find out about study pathways

It's a big day packed into four hours. Students leave with real connections, real conversations and a much clearer picture of where sport could take them.

Get in early

Places are limited, and this event fills fast. We'd love you to register your students before the end of the 2026 school year so they don't miss out.

Questions?

For more information or group bookings, contact the VU Student Recruitment team at student.recruitment@vu.edu.au



Keynote speaker

Elke Bellgrove

National Governance and Integrity Manager, Hockey Australia

Elke Bellgrove is the National Governance and Integrity Manager at Hockey Australia, where she focuses on creating safe, fair and inclusive sporting environments. A VU graduate with a Master of Sport Business and Integrity, Elke has spent more than 20 years working across the Australian sporting industry with organisations including Bowls Australia, Softball Australia, Cricket Australia and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation.

In her keynote, Elke will share the highs and lows of building a career in sport, from setbacks and unexpected opportunities to the importance of volunteering and building connections. She'll talk about how her early experiences opened doors to a diverse career and why staying open to learning at every stage has made all the difference.

A new format for 2027

This year we've shaken things up. Instead of a panel discussion, students will take part in speed connect sessions, meeting women working in sport in short, focused conversations. It means more voices, more variety and more direct access to the people doing the work.

Students will also pick two masterclass sessions from a curated line up, each one tied to a VU course in areas like sport and exercise science, sport management and health.

VU is ranked 6th in the world for sport science (Shanghai Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments) and offers a supportive, industry-connected learning environment built for the next generation of sport professionals.

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