



DISCOVER OUR  
**REVOLUTIONARY**  
FIRST YEAR MODEL

# **WHAT TO DO AFTER SCHOOL?**

A GUIDE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS



**VICTORIA  
UNIVERSITY**

# ***THINKING ABOUT CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL?***

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You're in a very exciting time of your life right now. It's a time where you can dream about doing anything. Your future is full of possibilities. Whether that thought scares you, or has you excitedly smiling ear-to-ear, we want to make the decision-making process a little simpler for you. So, we've created this guide to get you excited about your future and what lies ahead.



# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TAFE AND UNIVERSITY?

Further education is an exciting place to be. You'll have access to world-class facilities and learn from teachers who are experts in their industries. You'll also be surrounded by fresh faces who share your interests – you're all studying the same thing, after all.

At Victoria University and our TAFE division Victoria University Polytechnic, we make sure you get the real-world skills you need to increase your employability when you graduate. Understanding the differences between TAFE and university could help you figure out what's right for you.

## TAFE

We're thrilled to be one of only six universities in Australia that offer both TAFE and university courses. This is great because it offers you so many options.

TAFE is a more hands-on, practical approach to learning. If you want a career that requires a certificate, diploma or apprenticeship, then TAFE is the right choice for you.

Our TAFE division is called Victoria University Polytechnic. At the Polytechnic, learning is blended. This means you'll learn paper-based theory through interactive and flexible e-learning, your knowledge will be applied in hands-on workshops and practised in the workplace or simulated environment, so when you graduate you're ready for the real world of work.

In addition to providing entry into the workforce, some courses can also be used as a stepping stone to transition into a uni degree. At VU, we call this a pathway.

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If you're interested in our pathways, visit [vu.edu.au/pathways](http://vu.edu.au/pathways)

## University

University has a more independent learning style, where you're expected to study outside of your classes.

Traditionally, uni is structured where you focus on four subjects at once, for half the year, learning between lectures at tutorials.

But with our First Year Model, we've changed the way we teach, to better set you up for success in your degree and beyond. You focus on one subject at a time, for four weeks, before moving on to the next. This is called block learning. This approach eases you into uni life, where you learn in smaller, more collaborative classes, and really get to know your teacher.

Want to know more? Visit [vu.edu.au/why-choose-vu](http://vu.edu.au/why-choose-vu)



	TAFE	UNIVERSITY
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b> >	Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Apprenticeships.	Bachelor/undergraduate degree, Master degree, PhD.
<b>COURSE DELIVERY</b> >	Flexible e-learning, hands-on workshops and work-based practice through placement and simulations.	Theory focused classes, workplace learning, lectures, tutorials, workshops and seminars.
<b>LEARNING STYLE</b> >	Practical workshops, supported e-learning, smaller classes.	Individual and team learning. For each hour in the classroom, students are expected to study three hours on their own.
<b>COURSE LENGTH</b> >	6 months – 2 years	3 – 4 years

# WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF DOING IN THE FUTURE?

Choosing a career is very exciting. Just think of all the possibilities.

The best way to narrow down your career options is to think of what you love doing. Think about what you do in your spare time. What you spend all of your money on. What a 'perfect day' would look like for you. Even who you look up to.

## What you need to know before completing VCE

Whether you want to go to TAFE or university, you need to meet certain requirements. Some courses will need you to have studied certain subjects in VCE. So, having a rough idea of what you'd like to study, helps you choose your subjects for Year 11 and 12.

It's a requirement for almost all university courses to study English or EAL. If English isn't really your thing, talk to your coordinator or career practitioner, there might be other options that you don't know about. For TAFE courses, you'll complete an English skills assessment to make sure you have the skills needed to succeed. If you need support, the Polytechnic offers courses that help get you ready for TAFE.

## ARE YOU A NUMBERS NERD?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
ACCOUNTANT BUSINESS ANALYST HUMAN RESOURCE ADVISER IT TECHNICIAN TEACHER	BUSINESS IT EDUCATION	ACCOUNTING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MATHEMATICS

## ARE YOU A CREATIVE THINKER?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
MAKE UP ARTIST GRAPHIC DESIGNER WRITER MUSICIAN FILMMAKER ART DIRECTOR	ARTS HAIR, MAKE-UP & BEAUTY FASHION MUSIC DESIGN FILM & TV COMMUNICATIONS	VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN STUDIO ARTS MUSIC MEDIA LITERATURE THEATRE STUDIES

## DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
BUILDER ELECTRICIAN PLUMBER CARPENTER HAIRDRESSER CHEF	ENGINEERING SCIENCE HAIR, MAKE-UP & BEAUTY HOSPITALITY TRADES	AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY ENGINEERING WOODWORK HORTICULTURE FOOD TECH

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HEALTH?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
OSTEOPATH NURSE PARAMEDIC DIETICIAN NUTRITIONIST WELLNESS CONSULTANT FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	HEALTH SCIENCE	BIOLOGY CHEMISTRY PHYSICS MATHEMATICS HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING PEOPLE?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
LAWYER SOCIAL WORKER YOUTH WORKER NURSE PARAMEDIC TEACHER AGED CARE WORKER FITNESS INSTRUCTOR	HEALTH SCIENCE COMMUNITY SERVICES EDUCATION	PSYCHOLOGY GLOBAL POLITICS AUSTRALIAN POLITICS LEGAL STUDIES

## DO YOU WANT TO DESIGN THE FUTURE?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
ENGINEER INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER ARCHITECT SOFTWARE ENGINEER	COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING IT	IT PHYSICS CHEMISTRY MATHEMATICS

## ARE YOU GOOD WITH COMPUTERS?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
DEVELOPER PROGRAMMER SOFTWARE ENGINEER	COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING IT	IT MATHEMATICS

## DO YOU LOVE SPORT?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR PE TEACHER REMEDIAL MASSAGE THERAPIST SPORTS COACH SPORT SCIENTIST	HEALTH SCIENCE SPORT EDUCATION	PHYSICAL EDUCATION HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH KIDS?

DREAM JOB	SUITABLE AREA OF STUDY	VCE SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING MANAGER OR ASSESSOR TEACHER AID	EDUCATION YOUTH WORK	MATHEMATICS

# WHERE TO START

It's difficult to picture your future. But it sure is exciting.

If you're feeling a bit lost, or not sure where to even begin, here are some useful tips.

## 1. Assess yourself

First ask yourself these questions:

- What do I enjoy doing?
- What am I good at?
- What kind of lifestyle do I want for myself? (by lifestyle we mean, do you picture yourself working alone at a computer, getting your hands dirty, or working in a fast-paced environment?)

## 2. Start talking

- Talk to your school's career practitioner. They're trained in helping people, just like you, figure out what's next after VCE.
- Ask your teacher and parents what they think your strengths are.
- Talk to your friends about their dreams too. See what they think your strengths are – they probably know you best.

## 3. Check out career expos, course info sessions and Open Day

These events are a fantastic way to get all the insider information. You'll get the chance to meet and question teachers, employers and students who are currently studying.

## 4. Volunteer

Volunteering for a few days at a company can be the best way to determine whether you want to make a career out of it. Whatever you're considering, do your research and email some businesses you'd love to work for. Ask your teacher, parents or your career practitioner to help you.

## 5. Do your research using course guides, career brochures and websites

Here are some to get you started:

[vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)  
[studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)  
[vu.edu.au/courses](http://vu.edu.au/courses)  
[vu.edu.au/year-10](http://vu.edu.au/year-10)

# WHY CHOOSE VU?

We're committed to helping you follow your passion and chase your dreams. That's why we make sure we prepare our students not only for a career, but for life too. So when you graduate from VU, you know you'll be a top choice with employers.

## Achieve success on your own terms

We see the potential in everyone, regardless of their background, previous experience or study results.

Since we offer both TAFE and university courses, you can easily transition between courses, so you can achieve your ultimate career goal without any obstacles.

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## Experience a first year like no other

We've changed the way we teach our courses, to better set you up for success in your studies and beyond. Achieve the early wins and confidence that set you up for a successful university experience, with more one-on-one time with educators and multiple levels of support.

[vu.edu.au/first-year](http://vu.edu.au/first-year)

## Join Australia's leaders in sport

We're ranking in the top 25 globally for sport science and have over 350 industry partners. We work closely with sporting organisations like the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Football League, Western Bulldogs, Melbourne Victory and even Real Madrid Football Club in Spain.

At VU, we have one of the most advanced sport and exercise science learning and research facilities in the Southern Hemisphere.

It's no surprise that our graduates are among the most in-demand employees in the sports industry.

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## Graduate job ready

These days, employers are searching for graduates with plenty of industry experience. So we prepare you with job-ready, real-world experience, before you even graduate.

We're well connected with lots of high profile industry leaders, who not only help us design our courses, but offer work experience too.

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FINDING YOURSELF.

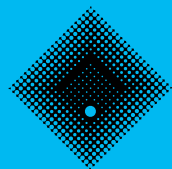
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