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A CENTENARY OF  
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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



## 2017 COURSE GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE

VU's 2017 TAFE, undergraduate and postgraduate course guides are now available.

The guides are a valuable tool for all prospective students, career practitioners and parents of high school students.

They offer a wealth of information around courses and study pathways, campuses, facilities, support services, industry connections, student life, accommodation options and scholarships.

The TAFE guide is a new addition to our

suite of course guides and features detailed course lists for the courses offered by VU's new TAFE entity, Victoria Polytechnic.

Visit our website to **order printed copies of the course guides** or to **download electronic copies**.

## COME SEE US AT THE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO

Come and see us at the VCE and Careers Expo, and find out more about the opportunities available to students at Victoria University.

We'll be hosting the seminar 'Find your victory with VU' on Sunday 8 May at 12 noon. You can also come and chat to us about opportunities available to students at VU throughout

the expo, which runs from Thursday 5 May until Sunday 8 May at Caulfield Racecourse.

You'll find us at stand 45 on the ground level of the expo. The 'Find your victory with VU' seminar will be held in Room 2.

[www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

## REGISTER FOR 'BE YOU AT VU'

Be You at VU is a fun-filled experience for current Year 10 and 11 classes and groups. Held on-campus, it gives students the opportunity to get a taste of university life and see some of their future study and career options.

We're offering interactive programs in law (Footscray Park or City Queen Campus), business (Footscray Park or City Flinders Campus) and physical education (Footscray Park Campus).

Find out more about each program and register your class online.

## MARK YOUR DIARY

- 5-8 MAY** VCE and Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse
- 18 MAY** Game Changers: Learning futures [vu.edu.au/game-changers](http://vu.edu.au/game-changers)
- 20 MAY** VU in Focus: Health and Biomedicine, St Albans [vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus](http://vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus)
- 26 MAY** Conversations around culture and inclusion [vu.edu.au/diamond-series](http://vu.edu.au/diamond-series)
- 15 JUNE** Creating havoc? Creative writing in education [vu.edu.au/diamond-series](http://vu.edu.au/diamond-series)
- 1 JULY** iPAB entries close [vu.edu.au/ipab](http://vu.edu.au/ipab)
- 21 JULY** VU in Focus: Sport and Exercise Science, Engineering and Science, Footscray Park [vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus](http://vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus)
- 28 AUGUST** Open Day, Footscray Park
- 12 SEPTEMBER** VU in Focus: Law and Business, City Queen [vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus](http://vu.edu.au/vu-in-focus)



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Accounting and Finance Lecturer Dr Pandula Gamage was named accounting/finance educator of the year in 2014 by educational publisher Pearson Australia.

## DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: BUSINESS

VU has one of the largest, most internationally active business schools in Australia. We offer undergraduate business and commerce degrees that specialise in the various fields of business, and undertake business research and consultancies.

Our Bachelor of Business degree offers choice and flexibility: after a common first year, students can choose from 13 specialisations or 78 double specialisation combinations. Our Bachelor of Commerce offers specialised studies in international business or applied finance.

Our strong industry links, workplace learning, specialist professional development units and industry-expert teachers help students graduate work-ready.

### CAREER OUTCOMES

Our business courses can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- financial analyst
- financial adviser
- banker
- investment analyst
- accountant
- business analyst
- international business specialist
- superannuation consultant
- equity market analyst.

### WORKPLACE LEARNING

Everything you learn with us is directly linked to the real world and your future career. When you undertake a Bachelor of Business or commerce degree, our Centre for Work Integrated Learning (WIL) assists you to integrate workplace learning into your degree.

Find out more at [vu.edu.au/wil](http://vu.edu.au/wil)

### SAMPLE STUDY PATHWAY

#### Accounting pathway



## FINDING HIS FEET

Samuel Manhom spent 12 years in refugee camps before resettling in Australia. He worked by day and studied at night.

He now works for the National Sterling Financial Group as an Accounts Officer. He also volunteers with Rotary, helping to build a primary school in his former hometown of Rumbek, in South Sudan.

"In my home country I had no freedom to pursue an education. VU took me in and drastically influenced my future path for the better. My success as a student was placed at the top of the University's priority list, the staff are fully committed to helping their students achieve their goals.

My teachers and fellow students guided me on my path to gaining a Bachelor of Accounting, Banking and Finance in 2012, which then allowed me to be employed as a Finance Administrator at Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services two years later, whilst studying for my Masters of Business degree.

VU attracts the most amazing students locally and from around the world. I credit the VU community at large for playing a major role in helping me earn a masters degree; they gave me a chance to make a lifelong dream a reality."

### Samuel Manhom

Bachelor of Accounting, Banking and Finance (see Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance))

Master of Business



## STELLA RECOGNITION FOR VU ALUMNA

Victoria University alumna Alice Robinson was recently longlisted for the prestigious 2016 Stella Prize for her debut novel *Anchor Point*.

While she didn't make the shortlist, announced on 10 March, the longlisting was a significant honour for the first-time author. Alice wrote the novel as part of her PhD project at Victoria University and was thrilled to be listed alongside celebrated authors Elizabeth Harrower, Debra Adelaide, Gail Jones, Amanda Lohrey and Charlotte Wood.

"This has been more than I'd ever hoped for or dreamed about," she said. "It is really exciting, surprising and just wonderful ... when you say you want to be a writer everyone tells you how hard it is to get published so to get to this stage is like winning the lottery."

"I really do owe so much to VU as it was a defining time in my life and set me on this career path," she said.

Alice is now working on her second novel.

## DIAMOND SERIES EDUCATION DISCUSSIONS

VU's Diamond Series is back in 2016, and the College of Education invite you to join us for a series of education-focused discussion

The conversation series, which is focusing on VU's alumni community for our centenary year, provides an opportunity to learn about the latest topics and research in education.

The next session, 'Conversations around culture and inclusion', will take place on Thursday 26 May at Bluestone Church Arts Space in Footscray and feature alumna Sarah Tartakover discussing her interactions with pre-service teachers as part of her PhD in 2010. We'll see her catch up with participants to track any changes in their attitudes since becoming practicing teachers.

Find out more, view the monthly discussion schedule and register to attend this free event at [vu.edu.au/diamond-series](http://vu.edu.au/diamond-series)

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## VU BRINGS LAW WEEK TO THE WEST IN 2016

Law Week is coming to the west for the first time, with events hosted by VU's Sir Zelman Cowen Centre. All current and budding law students - or those simply interested in matters of justice - are invited to attend interesting and educational events.

### Your rights at home, at work, and on the road

5.30-7pm, Tuesday 17 May - VU at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson Street, Footscray  
Hear from an expert panel made up of James Leckie (Western Community Legal Centre) on renting rights, Dario Mujkic (National Union of Workers) on rights at work, and Rebecca Ballard (Brimbank Melton Community Legal Centre) on your rights when facing road and parking infringements.

### Mock trial

16-20 May  
Join a group of young lawyers for a fun evening at the Sunshine Magistrate's Court and see what goes on in a trial. Registration essential.

### Movie Night at the Courthouse: Face to Face (starring Vince Colosimo and Sigrid Thornton)

5-7.15pm, Wednesday 18 May - Sunshine Magistrate's Court  
An event for youth aged 15-25, the screening will be followed by a Q&A session on restorative justice with Victoria Police, the Youth Junction Inc and Jesuit Social Services. Registration essential.

### West Gate Bridge Collapse exhibition

16-22 May - VU at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson Street, Footscray  
In partnership with the Coroners Court, the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, VU presents this moving exhibition commemorating the tragic collapse of the West Gate Bridge in 1970.

For bookings and further details about any of the Law Week events in the west, phone 03 9919 1996 or email [rebecca.rich@vu.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.rich@vu.edu.au)

## GAME CHANGERS CONVERSATION SERIES

The Game Changers series presents pivotal concepts, personalities and moments in Australia's evolving story for public discussion and debate.

Presented at VU at MetroWest by Maribyrnong City Council and Victoria University, as part of the Footscray University Town project, each event is free and open to the whole community.

The next session, 'Learning futures', will feature an exciting round table hypothetical exploring how future generations will engage with knowledge and learning.

Find out more and register to attend this free event at [vu.edu.au/game-changers](http://vu.edu.au/game-changers)