



CHANGE OF PREFERENCE STUDENT ASSISTANCE

With exams winding down and the Change of Preference period approaching, students may be reconsidering their 2016 study preferences. VU has a number of services available to help them to decide which path is right for their individual passions, skills and dreams. As the University of Opportunity and Success, we offer pathways for students to achieve their goals, regardless of ATAR. During Change of Preference (14 December – 21 December), our team will be on hand to help your students make an informed decision.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE EXPO

Get information about courses, fees, scholarships and student life directly from academic staff, VU course advisers and current students at the Change of Preference Expo.

- Wednesday 16 December, 4pm – 7pm, Footscray Park Campus.

SPEAK TO A COURSE ADVISER

Our course advisers will be available for one-on-one appointments (at our Footscray Park Campus), phone enquiries and online chat during the times listed.

Appointments:

- Monday 14 – Friday 18 December, 9am – 6pm
- Monday 21 December, 9am – 11am

Phone queries (1300 842 864) and online chat (vu.edu.au/change):

- Monday 14 – Friday 18 December, 8.30am – 6pm
- Monday 21 December, 8.30am – 12 noon

vu.edu.au/change

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS

Students with ATAR scores over 90 who enrol at Victoria University are eligible for a Chancellor's Scholarship. To receive the scholarship, students must list their preferred VU course as the highest course they are eligible for in their VTAC preference.

In addition to \$5000 a year, Chancellor's Scholars receive a range of professional

and personal development opportunities including mentoring from Australian corporate leaders, internships, student leadership training, and invitations to University-sponsored seminars and other events.

Other VU scholarships include the Achievement Scholarships, awarded to two Year 12 graduates from each

school in Melbourne's western region, and Access Scholarships, for students in financial need who might not otherwise have the opportunity to access tertiary education.

Find out more at vu.edu.au/scholarships

MARK YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER Course information sessions - vu.edu.au/course-information-sessions

23 NOVEMBER VTAC Change of Preference opens - vu.edu.au/change

14 DECEMBER ATARs released

16 DECEMBER Change of Preference Expo, Footscray Park

21 DECEMBER VTAC Change of Preference closes (midday)



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DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

VU's science and information technology courses provide qualifications that give students direct access to the careers and industries they want to work in. Our science courses provide a unique preparation for professional scientific careers, with an emphasis on the analytical techniques and equipment used by industry.

Students have access to state-of-the-art laboratories (such as our Shimadzu Analytical Laboratory at Werribee Campus), modern equipment, a full set of Cisco routers and switches, virtualisation platforms, and the latest software packages and resources.

Meanwhile, practical work placements provide the experience to give graduates the edge as they enter the workforce.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Our science and information technology courses can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- Science educator
- Pharmaceutical scientist
- Biomedical researcher
- Analytical or research chemist
- IT security analyst
- Network and systems administrator
- Web-based programmer
- Computer technician

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, we run a number of interactive programs for secondary school students considering a career in engineering or science. They are designed to provide an overview of the practical course elements required to support these occupations. Keep an eye on our 'Events for school students & teachers' web page for details.

SAMPLE STUDY PATHWAY

Information Technology pathway

Diploma of Information Technology
VDIT

Bachelor of Information Technology
NBIT

Master of Applied Information Technology
NMIT

SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Below is a small sample of our science and information technology courses.

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical and Health Science

Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 25 in English (any), or at least 30 in EAL; at least 25 in Chemistry; and at least 25 in Biology or Health and Human Development.

2015 Clearly in ATAR: (new course)

Bachelor of Science (Science for Teaching)

Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 EAL; and at least 20 in a Mathematics (any).

2015 Clearly in ATAR: (new course)

Diploma of Information Technology

Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in EAL.

2015 Clearly in ATAR: N/A

Bachelor of Information Technology

Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any) or 25 in EAL; and 20 in Mathematics (any).

2015 Clearly in ATAR: (new course)



OPPORTUNITIES APLENTY

Through her study at VU, Mary Cowling took her interest in the environment to New Zealand to study fur seals.

"I've always been interested in the environment and wanted to focus on it as a career. I chose VU because it offered a range of research areas, and a lot of practical training and field work. That really appealed to me.

One of my teachers – who is well known for her work on the effect of tourism on dolphins – had been contacted by the New Zealand Department of Conservation to conduct a similar study on fur seals. She recommended I do it for my research project.

I spent four months in the Bay of Plenty on New Zealand's North Island. I received a VU postgraduate scholarship and the New Zealand study became the basis for my masters degree."

Mary Cowling, Bachelor of Science, Master of Science



UNILODGE @ VU OPENING SOON

VU's newest student accommodation complex, UniLodge @ VU, is nearing completion, in time for Semester 1, 2016.

The new 500-bed complex is part of the Footscray University Town collaboration with Maribyrnong City Council, focused on the development of a diverse, vibrant, creative arts precinct in Footscray. Directly across the road from our Footscray Park Campus and a short walk to the Footscray Nicholson Campus, UniLodge is a great accommodation option.

We are now accepting bookings for this state-of-the-art student accommodation.

Find more information about fees, facilities, furnishing and life at UniLodge on the **UniLodge @ VU page**.

Inspections are taking place from 3 – 4.30pm on Wednesday 18 and 25 November. No appointments necessary.

STUDENTS TURN SCRAPS INTO WEARABLE ART

A flamboyant garment fashioned from fabric scraps won two VU students a top prize in the world's biggest wearable art contest.

Sarah Seahorse and Luna Aquatica concocted *The Stitch Witch* over hundreds of hours from lycra scraps and plastic buttons.

Their entry won the Australia and Pacific category of the annual **World of WearableArt (WOW) awards** held in New Zealand in September, earning a cash prize of NZ\$5000.

The annual WOW contest draws some 500 international designers and a 50,000-member audience for an elaborate showcase of fashion, design, theatre and dance.

The women say they enjoy using their theatre and fashion backgrounds in their new roles as university students. Their radical self-expression, which includes coloured hair and innovative clothing, has made them well recognised around campus.

"I was feeling uninspired and a little burned out creatively before I enrolled at Victoria University," said Sarah. "Now we are both expanding our interests and careers by using our skills to learn how to strengthen communities."

The Stitch Witch is now part of WOW's permanent exhibition collection in New Zealand.



REPORT EXPLORES EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

A new landmark national study offers a comprehensive insight into Australia's education and training system with an index of education opportunity at certain milestones.

VU's **Centre for International Research on Education Systems (CIRES)** prepared the **Educational Opportunity in Australia 2015: Who succeeds and who misses out** report for the **Mitchell Institute**. The report is one of the most comprehensive

data studies on Australia's education and training system.

The report's results indicate that six out of ten children move through Australia's education system to complete school and are fully engaged in their mid-20s. However, it also highlights that roughly 10% of children begin school at a developmental disadvantage, which continues into their mid-20s. Influencing

factors include being an Indigenous Australian, as well as their language background, region, gender and socio-economic status (SES).

The report's lead author, Professor Stephen Lamb, said the current education system is not egalitarian and hopes the findings of this report will be a catalyst for change.

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SPORT AND RECREATION INDUSTRY PATHWAYS

BACK IN 2016

Our Sport and Recreation Industry Pathways (SARIP) program delivers a range of quality sport based curriculum activities which supports students' study in VCE. Be sure to save the following dates in your calendar.

BIG DAY OUT

8–12, 15–29 February

20–23 June

11–15, 18–22 July

*You may select one or more dates.
Alternative dates may be negotiated.*

The Big Day Out involves a series of sport science laboratory activities for students and is developed to complement VCE.

PEAK PERFORMANCE

This session will complement student learning outcomes relevant to VCE Physical Education Unit 3 AoS2.

STAYING COOL

This session will complement student learning outcomes relevant to VCE Biology Unit 2 AoS1.

THROW IT, KICK IT BETTER

This session will complement student learning outcomes relevant to VCE Physical Education Unit 1 AoS2. You may also contact us to discuss a particular topic of interest and we could design a program for you.

PD FOR VCE TEACHERS

9 March (Units 1 and 3)

and 20 July (Units 2 and 4)

This VCE teacher professional development session will be designed to support your teaching with the latest research in the areas of VCE physical education, health and human development and VET sport and recreation.

INSPIRE, EXPLORE, CREATE

22 June

This event involves a whole day of activities, workshops and inspirational speakers for Year 9 & 10 students considering study or work in the areas of sport and recreation.

VCE EXAM REVISION LECTURES

17–29 September (Term 4 school holidays)

The VCE exam revision lectures will cover the following areas:

- physical education
- health and human development
- VET sport and recreation.

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For further information and updates, email barbara.opar@vu.edu.au or visit vu.edu.au/sarip



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