



VU CAREER PRACTITIONERS FORUM 2017 WRAP-UP

Teachers and career practitioners gathered to hear professional and academic staff speak about what Victoria University has to offer students who are ready to embrace an exciting new education experience in 2018.

Ian Solomonides, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Learning Innovation and Quality, and Andrew Smallridge, Associate Professor opened the 2017 Careers Practitioners Forum by sharing details about the First Year Model – VU’s innovative approach to learning, and teaching based on a block mode of study.

Teachers and career practitioners discussed flexible timetables, the advantages of smaller class sizes and this progressive

approach to education.

A teacher for nearly 30 years, Helen Lightfoot from Nagel College in Bairnsdale said,

“I thought the presentation was excellent. I really think the First Year Model idea is terrific. We have many students who move up to Melbourne, but have trouble adapting to university life. That first year can be challenging; students have so much to cope with; moving away from home, making new friends. I like the idea of immersing students in the subject and giving them time to meet their classmates and lecturers.”

LSAP WORKSHOP

The LSAP workshops are a one day intensive program aimed at developing confidence in the different skills needed to succeed in the legal profession, including communication, teamwork and leadership.

This workshop is run at VU City Queen campus at least twice a year during school holidays. The workshop is attended by individual students from a number of schools who are interested in or considering studying law.

While all schools can apply for LEAP, priority will be given to LEAP priority schools with an ICSEA of less than 1000. Applications from non-LEAP priority schools or students will be considered subject to available spaces and/or resources.

Apply online: www.leap.vic.edu.au/activities/law
 Tuesday 4th JULY 2017 – 9.00 AM to 3.30 PM

PROGRAM:

- **9.00am** Students arrive
- **9.30am** Welcome and Introduction to LEAP • 9.35am Student ambassadors’ reflections on study and university
- **10.00am** Guest speaker - Barrister Julian McMahon
- **11.00am** Morning tea
- **11.25am** You be the Judge sentencing activity - Carmela Pezzimenti
- **12.10pm** Guest Speaker – Kot Manoah
- **1.00pm** Lunch
- **1.30pm** How (not) to get away with murder - Victoria Police Forensic Services Department (changed from 1:45pm)
- **2.30pm** Politics guest speaker (confirmed) - 45 minutes
- **3.15pm** Evaluations and close

MARK YOUR DIARY

- 30 JUN** iPAB closing date – 5pm
- 20 AUG** Open Day, Footscray Park Campus



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: ENGINEERING

HEAD START IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

VU's industry links and student support services helped engineer Fatima Osman find work before she even graduated.

"The counsellors in VU's career mentoring program helped me with CV writing and building industry links. While studying I gained part-time work in electrical planning with Australian Energy Marketing Operator via the program and then found a position as an undergraduate planning engineer, working on the Victorian Transmission

network. Both of these experiences were very valuable in establishing my career and implementing the theory learnt during my classes in a practical way.

Since graduating, I've worked on many major and diverse projects, including being assigned as the primary engineer of the redevelopment of Richmond Terminal Station which supplies one third of Melbourne's CBD electricity. I currently work as a technical standards engineer at AusNet Services."

FEATURE COURSE: BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONOURS) (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)

Position yourself at the exciting edge of electronic design, power generation and communications as you study one of the largest and oldest fields of engineering. Gain practical and problem-solving skills working on projects in the workplace that will help launch a career as an Electrical or Electronic Engineer.

The Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)

degree combines electrical and electronic engineering, and you can specialise in telecommunications, power or embedded systems.

For more information about the course, go to: <https://www.vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-electrical-and-electronic-engineering-nhee>



THE EMPLOYER'S CHOICE

"Intrax works with VU to provide vacation employment for VU students and a graduate program. Several VU students have come on board with Intrax and through that program.

As an employer in the industry we see VU as providing students with an education in engineering but, more importantly, also the confidence to take on real-life jobs much quicker than comparative tertiary institutions."

ROBERT BORZILLO

Executive Director, Intrax Consulting

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MID-YEAR ENROLMENTS

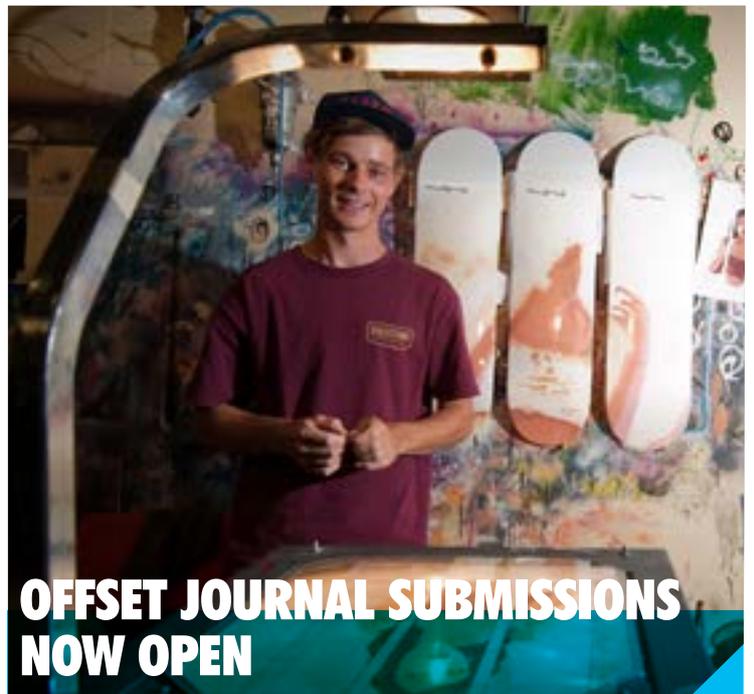
Did you know starting mid-year has some great advantages? It can provide a much-needed break after school, a second chance at a first preference, and it doesn't have to mean a later graduation date – there are lots of catch-up options available.

So, if you have students who may be interested in enrolling or changing course, please get in touch with our Future Students team for course advice and how to enrol.

Applications for many VU courses are being accepted for mid-year entry until 27 July.

Get in touch with student.recruitment@vu.edu.au

Or visit vu.edu.au/mid-year



OFFSET JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

Submissions are now open for Offset 2017. Open to anyone, submissions may include prose, poetry, artwork/photography or comics. As long as the submission guidelines are followed, there are no restrictions.

This is a great opportunity for your year 11 and 12 students to showcase the amazing work they've created throughout the year.

To submit an entry, students must download the entry form and carefully follow the submission guidelines.

<https://offsetartsjournal.com/submitting-your-work/>

Entries close Friday 7 July at 5pm.



STUDY WHILE YOU TRAVEL WITH STUDY ABROAD

Do your students wish to travel and study overseas?

At VU our students have the choice to study on an exchange placement with a partner institution or study abroad with an institution of their choice.

They will see the world and experience a different culture, develop a network of contacts and extend their career opportunities. New languages are learned and communication skills enhanced.

Not only do our students receive credits points towards the completion of their degree, they gain priceless experiences that they will carry with them for life.

For more information on the various options and programs available your students will have at VU, go to:

vu.edu.au/study-overseas



DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: TRANSITION EDUCATION

PATHWAY TO PASSION

Cabinet maker, Benjamin Griffith, used the practical experience and workplace skills he gained in the Certificate I in Work Education, to pathway into an Apprenticeship and pursue his passion.

"The practical assessments, hands-on learning and teacher support I've received at VU have been critical to my success. I felt really proud when I graduated, and it gave me confidence to do more study.

Cabinet making comes so naturally to me, I'd never experienced anything like it.

My advice to other people with disabilities is to have a look at all the opportunities at VU. Go for it – just ask for help and take your time, you'll get there."

QUALIFICATIONS COMPLETED:

22302VIC Certificate I in Work Education

MSF20313 Certificate II in Furniture Making

MSF31113 Certificate III in Cabinet Making

NEW COURSE: CERTIFICATE IV IN TERTIARY PREPARATION

Our Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation prepares students for successful transition into vocational or tertiary education. The course is delivered through our award winning blended learning model and face-to-face workshops at both Footscray campuses and Werribee.

Students will gain practical skills in the following areas:

- academic reading, writing and research skills
- problem solving
- planning and organising
- collaborative learning

Duration: 6 months full-time

For more course information go to: vu.edu.au/courses



LEARNX IMPACT AWARDS WIN

Victoria Polytechnic's Learning Development Team has won top honours from **LearnX Impact Awards** for its blended-learning model and interactive design.

Gail Bray (Senior Manager Learning Development) and her team took out the Platinum Winner award for *Best Blended Learning Model* and the Silver award for *Best Interactive Scenario Design*.

Victoria Polytechnic's Platinum win for Best Blended Learning Model placed it above Gold winners ME Bank, Foxtel and WHS Branch, and Silver winners Telstra, Independent Hardware Group, and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The team successfully implemented the organisation-wide blended learning Project 100, which transformed 100 TAFE qualifications into flexible, blended programs that are delivered face-to-face and online.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

We are pleased to offer a new hands-on typography workshop for year 11 and 12 students interested in the creative industries. Typeplay aims to help students develop a unique point of difference in their graduating portfolio. Under the guidance of design Teacher and Creative Director, Beck Storer, students explore the principles and fundamentals of typography and craft their own bespoke typeface.

When: 10:00am Tuesdays, Footscray Nicholson Campus.

If you can't come to campus we can visit your school and deliver our workshop directly your student group.

For more information and bookings contact:
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21-23 JULY SpotJobs Expo

20 AUG Open Day

1-8 SEPT Wyndham Learning Festival

15 SEPT YDAS Life After School

