



## OPEN DAY 2017 – THANKS FOR COMING!

This year's Open Day was a huge success with visitors blessed with blue skies and sunshine.

We launched our First Year Model which rethinks how the first year of university is delivered, using a block study mode to take away the stressful juggling of different subjects.

There were guest appearances from Western Bulldogs players, music, entertainment, interactive activities, and great food. The campus was bustling with activity and excited students all keen to find out as much as possible about the many benefits of studying at VU.

## APPLY FOR A GUARANTEED PLACE AT VU

VU's Early Entry Offer Program \*(EEOP) is an alternative entry program for current Year 12 students. Successful applicants are guaranteed a first year place at Victoria University by fulfilling one of these categories:

- leadership
- educational disadvantage
- eligible school in the west.

Please note applications close 13 October 2017, so there's no time to lose! [vu.edu.au/early-entry](http://vu.edu.au/early-entry)

\*This program replaces the Portfolio Partnership Program (PPP).

## VCE LECTURE SERIES 26 SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 8

Every year VU offers VCE revision lectures to help students prepare for their Year 12 exams. These lectures run for between 2 and 4 hours and are delivered by qualified VCE assessors and teachers, helping students improve their confidence, and give the best chance for great results.

Find out more on the [website](#)

## MARK YOUR DIARY

- 17 SEPT** Law and Justice Open Day City Flinders Campus 11am – 3pm  
**25–28 SEPT** Kirby Moot Competition

## VU ROCKETS UP THE RANKINGS



In the prestigious Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2017-18, VU has made the greatest gain of any Victorian university, moving up a full 50-institution band into the leading 350, to remain firmly within the top 2 per cent of universities worldwide.

This is a great result in addition to the 2018 Good Universities Guide which ranks VU in the top three universities in the state for Skills Development, and in the top five Victorian universities for Learner Engagement.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Dawkins said the results confirmed VU's growing reputation on the global stage, and as a world-class university in Melbourne's West.

## VTAC TIMELY APPLICATIONS 2017 – CLOSING SOON

It's mid-September already and with school holidays fast approaching now's the time to get applications in before 5pm Thursday 28 September 2017. Fee \$35.

Check out the key [dates](#).





## DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

VU has a world renowned reputation in sport, exercise science and active living. We have a long and successful tradition of extensive course offerings, major research, international partnerships, state-of-the-art facilities and expert academic staff from around the world.

Not only do we have the largest population enrolled in sport courses and the greatest number of sport-related industry partners, we also have the highest graduate employment outcomes in Australia, and the most graduates working in the sport industry.

### INDUSTRY CONNECTED

We have more than 150 strategic partnerships and affiliations, ranging from grassroots and community level engagement, to elite national and international organisations. Our partners offer industry expertise that helps inform our curriculum and aid research, and provides student placements, internships and networking opportunities exclusive to VU students.

#### Our many partnerships and collaborations include:

- Australian Institute of Sport
- Australian Sports Commission
- Football Federation Victoria
- Melbourne Vixens Netball Club
- Real Madrid Foundation
- Western Bulldogs AFL Club
- Western Health
- Tennis Australia.

### PRACTICAL LEARNING

Our leading industry placement programs help advance our students' careers and dramatically improve their employability. Our Sport and Exercise Science students enjoy the facilities of our industry partners including the \$8 million education research centre at VU Whitten Oval Stadium. Our Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement) students may pursue a cadetship with one of our partners – the Western Bulldogs, Melbourne Storm and Maribyrnong College – to gain practical experience in a professional sports environment.

### STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Recognised as the best sports learning facilities in the Southern Hemisphere, our Institute of Sport, Exercise Science and Active Living's \$68million facilities at Footscray Park Campus include an altitude hotel, exercise physiology, biomechanics, and motor control and biofeedback labs, to support our world-class teaching and research.

### SPORT COURSES

Below is a small sample of some of our industry-leading courses.

#### Bachelor of Fitness (SBFI)

Prerequisites as below

#### Bachelor of Exercise Science (Sport Practice) (ABHD)

Prerequisites: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL. ATAR required.

#### Bachelor of Exercise Science (Clinical Practice) (ABHE)

Prerequisites: As ABHD. No ATAR.

#### Bachelor of Sport science (SBSA)

Prerequisites: As ABHD. This new course has replaced the two streams of sport science that were previously offered.

#### Bachelor of Outdoor Education and Sport Science (SBOE)

### CAREER OUTCOMES

The sport science industry has grown significantly in recent years. As exercise and sports science professionals, our graduates work in a diverse range of jobs, including strength and conditioning, sports science, sports coaching, exercise physiology, rehabilitation, research, workplace health and safety, corporate health and personal training.



## GRAND FINAL GLORY

"When I found out that I was going to have the opportunity to work at the Western Bulldogs as part of my study at VU I was really excited. I was involved in collecting player performance data which helps contribute to their success.

The biggest highlight was working AFL Grand Final Day, where I was privileged enough to be working in the Western Bulldogs coaches' box.

This year I will be transitioned into studying my PhD at VU, which involves continuing at the Bulldogs in a performance analyst/skill acquisition role."

#### JACK HYNES

Bachelor of Sport Science (Honours) (Human Movement)



## MAKE VU YOUR PREFERENCE

As your senior students make their selections for 2018 study, we'd like to invite them to explore their options with VU.

Almost a third of all students who apply for a tertiary course through VTAC unfortunately don't get offered their first choice of course places. So it makes sense to make VU a preference in their area of interest to maximise their opportunities.

Our revolutionary First Year Model also makes choosing to study at VU a smart decision, with one subject unit taught over three to four weeks, before moving on to the next unit.

To chat live chat with us, discover some great tips and find out more about courses, adjusting to uni life, and learn how to 'preference like a boss' visit [vu.edu.au/preference](http://vu.edu.au/preference)



## 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

Scholarships for 2018 for undergraduate courses at VU are open from August until October 2017. With over to 300 scholarships on offer every year for students at all levels, we provide financial and practical assistance for hard-working, dedicated students.

For more information visit [vu.edu.au/scholarships](http://vu.edu.au/scholarships)

## FOUNDATIONS AT VU – COMMENCING 23 OCTOBER 2017

Do you know any students who are completing year 12, but will not be completing VCE examinations? Do they aspire to commence university in 2018?

For students who have attempted Year 12, and have had their studies disrupted by unforeseen circumstances, "Foundations @ VU" may be the right program for them.

Students can avoid waiting over summer and commence Foundations @ VU on the 23 October this year. The course leads to a select range of Higher Education diploma and degree courses at Victoria University, including our new First Year Model.

Please contact Associate Director Foundation programs, Margaret Dawson 9919 4381 for more information or visit [vu.edu.au/courses/jyac](http://vu.edu.au/courses/jyac)

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## DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: COMMUNITY SERVICES

Victoria Polytechnic offers certificates and diplomas in community casework, community development, youth work, and alcohol and other drugs (AOD) support. Our programs are aligned to industry needs and incorporate practical or hands-on learning to ensure students graduate work ready. Partnerships and networks with organisations including Wyndham City Council, Western Health, Phoenix Youth Hub, Friends of the Earth, and Brimbank City Council provide students with unique opportunities to collaborate on industry projects.

### WORK PLACEMENTS

Our leading placement program provides students studying youth work, community development, and community services, with a range of fieldwork opportunities. With mentoring and support along the way, these placements allow students to connect theory with practice, gain confidence and develop strong industry connections.

### LEARNING OVERSEAS

Students in the Diploma of Community Development and Diploma of Community Services have the opportunity to participate in a five-week fieldwork program in Malaysia, working at a community services agency. This unique placement experience equips students with real-world knowledge and strengthens their skills in cultural sensitivity.

### PATHWAYS

As one of only six multi-sector universities in Australia, we offer accessible transitions from our community services programs into higher education degrees at VU. Here are some example pathways available to students:

- Successful completion the **Diploma of Youth Work** provides 4 unit credits (half a year) for the **Bachelor of Youth Work**
- Successful completion the **Diploma of Community Services** provides 8 unit credits (1 year) for the **Bachelor of Social Work**
- Successful completion the **Diploma of Community Development** provides 8 unit credits (1 year) for the **Bachelor of Community Development**



## PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Samantha Madden had a diverse study pathway, starting with a Certificate IV in Youth Work at Victoria Polytechnic before transitioning into the Diploma. She then went on to complete a Bachelor of Youth Work at VU.

Samantha credits the institute's services and staff for assisting her career growth to date.

"I left school in year 10 and didn't finish Year 12, so I was doubtful that I would be able to get to where I wanted to be in life. VU helped me realise when there is a will there is a way and if you really put your mind body and soul into something, anything is possible.

I had a meeting with staff from the University who organised my pathway and helped me tremendously throughout the whole process."



## PROJECTING VICTORIA POLYTECHNIC TALENT

Daborah Agok, Hana Hadzic and Tyrone Tauilili were selected to participate in the annual after-dark projection festival supported by Victoria Polytechnic, VU and Maribyrnong City Council.

As part of their course, students in the Certificate IV in Screen and Media are given the West Projections Festival brief and tasked with developing and submitting an artwork for the program.  
[vu.edu.au/courses/cua41215](http://vu.edu.au/courses/cua41215)

Participation in industry projects like the West Projections Festival develops students' briefing and submission skills and helps to build their portfolio of professional work.

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## EXPLORING WORK FUTURES THROUGH VET

Registrations have been extended for the Career Education Association of Victoria's (CEAV) VET Industry Taster day, hosted by Victoria Polytechnic. Year 9 and 10 students are invited to engage in activities that explore training technologies for jobs of the future.

DATE: 20 OCT 2017 VENUE: Victoria University, Sunshine campus. For more information and to register, go to [www.ceav.vic.edu.au](http://www.ceav.vic.edu.au)