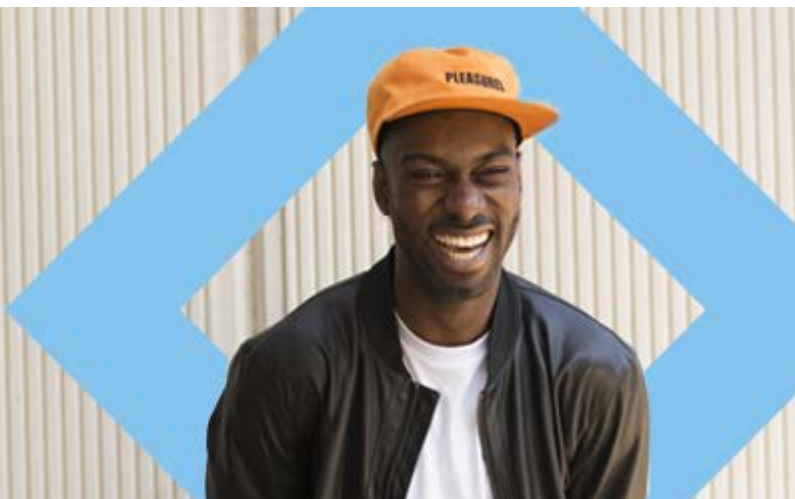


VU NEWS



Welcome to the first edition of VU News for 2021. We've taken on board your feedback and look forward to sharing information on new courses, student experience stories and ways for you and your students to engage with Victoria University throughout the year.

As we continue to work towards a return to campus plan for our students in line with government and health advice, we are committed to working with you to support on-campus requests safely and securely.

You can send through requests for campus visits, presentations and expo attendance to student.recruitment@vu.edu.au To find out more about what studying at VU looks like for your graduating students, you can read up on our [COVID FAQs](#) and how small classes and workshop formats have helped [set our students up for success](#) as they continue to learn remotely.

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Upcoming Events

VU in Focus: In conversation with Adam Shoemaker

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VU Undergraduate Webinar Series

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VU Forum reimagined as VU in Focus Series

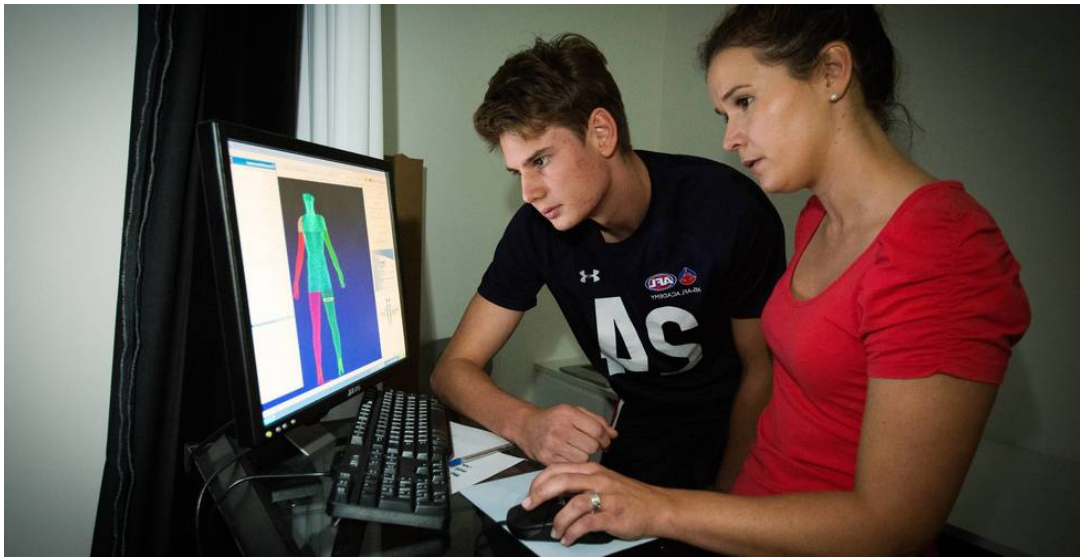
In 2021 we're proud to launch VU in Focus, a hybrid series of online and on-campus professional development events which will take the place of the VU Forum.

The first event, **VU in Focus: In conversation with Adam Shoemaker**, gives you the exclusive opportunity to hear directly from VU's new Vice-Chancellor and President of Victoria University, Professor Adam Shoemaker live online. He'll share his compelling vision for the future and how VU will continue to build on the foundations of our transformational agenda and moral purpose.

Date: 12 March
Time: 9:00– 10:00am
Location: Online

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You'll have the opportunity to pose questions to Professor Shoemaker live on the morning. For more information on what VU in Focus has in-store for you visit our [VU in Focus program](#).



Free or low-cost training at VU Polytechnic

JobTrainer provides free or low-cost tuition fees for selected courses at VU Polytechnic. These courses have been chosen to meet the priority needs of the Victorian economy. Many courses available through JobTrainer are already part of Free TAFE. For JobTrainer courses that are not part of Free TAFE, students pay just **20% of the listed tuition fee**.

FAQs

- **When can a student apply for a JobTrainer course**

Limited JobTrainer places are available up until December 2021.

- **If a JobTrainer course is also a Free TAFE course, what option should my students go with?**

The Admissions team will determine each student's eligibility for Free TAFE or JobTrainer and will contact applicants directly to advise them of their options.

- **Can a student do a Free TAFE and then JobTrainer or vice-versa?**

Students can undertake a Free TAFE course and then a JobTrainer provided they have not exceeded course commencements in a calendar year as stipulated in the eligibility criteria. Students will not be able to undertake JobTrainer and then a Free TAFE course.

Read about [how Bethany Rose embraced a career in hairdressing](#) with the help of Free TAFE and Victoria University Polytechnic.

See full list of courses and eligibility criteria at vupolytechnic.edu.au/jobtrainer and vupolytechnic.edu.au/free-tafe.



Inaugural Block Model Graduates share their stories

As graduating VU students donned caps and gowns from their homes after an unprecedented final year of their studies, there was more reason than usual to celebrate. 2020 marked the graduation of the first VU student cohort to complete their studies in our revolutionary Block Model. [Read about our newest graduating class's experience with Block Model](#) and why VU has taken out the top spot in Victoria for undergraduate engagement in the 2021 good University Guide.

Amongst those students logging on for their 2020 VU Graduation ceremony online was former AFL premiership player, Tom Boyd. During the Change of Preference period, we sat down with Tom to find out about his reaction to getting his Year 12 results, his transition from AFL player to VU student and what is next for him. [Watch Tom](#) talk about how students can prepare for Year 12 here.



Undergraduate Webinar Series

Throughout February, March and April you and your students can tune in live to the VU Undergraduate Webinar Series. In these 30min webinars you'll hear from our experienced Course Chairs, gain a deeper understanding on the study and career options in a variety of fields, ask live questions and learn how VU can assist in building industry opportunities and connections. Register now to attend.

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VU's Block model provides additional start dates to any of your students who took an extended break over the Summer Holidays or are looking at changing courses after their commencement dates. With intakes for undergraduate courses coming up in May, students won't have to wait till midyear to start studying at VU.



Upskill with Higher Ed Government-Subsidised Short Courses at VU

Enhance your expertise, skills and employability in 2021 with our range of future-focused [higher education \(HE\) short courses](#). Following the federal government's announcement to provide additional short course places to support Australians affected by COVID-19, you can study selected courses (online and face-to-face) and with HECS-HELP student loans.

The majority of these courses will be offered over four units via VU's award-winning Block Model – one unit at a time over four weeks, across one semester (less than six months). This means that rather than juggling multiple units, you focus on each unit before moving on to the next.

With affordable courses available in a range of disciplines, including education studies, and multiple intakes throughout the year, this is a professional development opportunity not to be missed.

Available to domestic students only, to study the graduate certificates, you must hold an Australian Bachelor degree in any discipline (or equivalent, relevant work experience). See the relevant courses for more details.

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