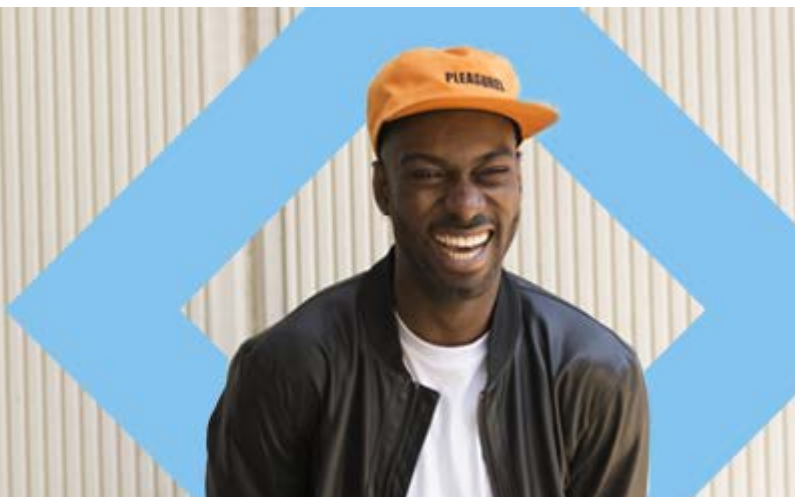


VU NEWS



Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and relaxing break and that your 2020 school year is off to a great start. We're excited to work with you again this year. Look forward to speaking soon.

The Future Students Team

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2020 classes are underway!

A number of first-year VU students took the option to start early, commencing their studies in Summer Block, on 13 January. And, our campuses will be abuzz when the

rest of our enrolled students start on 24 February.

With the Block Model, students can choose which 11, four-week blocks they study over the year. That way, students can start in Summer Block if they want to get ahead, and decide when they take their 4-week breaks throughout the year. This gives students the flexibility to plan trips away, lock-in paid work during peak times, or just take a break when they need it.

Know someone who wants to start uni later in the year? We have additional intake periods at Block 3 (starting 27 April) as well as a mid-year intake (starting 27 July) for a set number of courses. Students can enrol for Block 3 and mid-year by applying direct to the university.



Work Ready

Make a difference - Bachelor of Community Development

The courage and leadership shown by communities responding to the devastating Australian bushfires have inspired people across the globe. Many young people are thinking about how they can help others and use their voice to advocate for change, now and in the future. The Bachelor of Community Development prepares students with the knowledge and skills they need for a worthwhile career building strong, sustainable communities in Australia and around the world.

Students undertake fieldwork placements in second and third year in NGOs, community groups, local government or as part of community campaigns. They also have the opportunity to go overseas to countries including Timor Leste and Kenya. Want to learn more? Robert Impey shares his Malaysian placement experience and Amy McMurtrie, Creative Producer at Artlife, talks about working with VU students.





Tech Savvy

Sport and Learning Precinct

Victoria University is ranked No. 12 in the world for sport science. Our \$68 million high-technology Sports and Learning Precinct at our Footscray Park Campus supports our students and researchers with 29 labs that are fitted with the latest technology and equipment. The laboratory facilities investigate exercise physiology, biomechanics and motor learning and skills performance. These facilities are used by students studying such courses as the Bachelor of Exercise Science (Sports Practice) and Bachelor of Sport Science.

The Institute for Health & Sport (IHES) provides the platform for VU's world-class research into topics such as sport and exercise science, active living and public health and sport in society. IHES's facility is used by students, researchers & professional sports teams.



Future Focused

Connecting talent to industry

Students who are in their final year or second to last final year of study at VU are encouraged to participate in Talent Connect mentoring programs with our industry or alumni connections.

In the program, students are offered masterclasses with alumni to help students navigate the graduate-recruitment process where they create and practise their elevator pitch, develop responses to interview questions and design their career action plan.

Students also have an opportunity to be matched with an experienced industry

professional who will work closely with them six months after graduation. This mentor will support their mentee via providing valuable industry insights, advise how to develop strong industry connections and provide career advice.



Industry in focus

Booming childcare industry

To tackle the shortage in childcare teachers, VU has joined forces with Australia's largest early learning provider Goodstart and the Victorian Department of Education and Training to offer supported work placements in high-demand areas.

To prepare our students, we offer a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at our Footscray Park and Werribee campuses. VU Polytechnic also offers Free TAFE courses in Early Childhood that are taught at Footscray Nicholson, St Albans, Werribee, City Flinders and our Sunshine campus.



VU Polytechnic

Grand opening of the Sunshine Skills Hub

Sunshine Skills Hub is now open at Victoria University's Sunshine Campus and will soon be launched.

This state-of-the-art \$35 million facility will bring specialised teaching equipment to

students, including a high-tech nursing simulation lab, 3D printing facilities and a paramedics lab fitted with an Ambulance Pod to help students learn through simulated real-life scenarios.

Groups visiting the Sunshine Skills Hub will have the opportunity to join a scheduled 30-minute fortnightly tour of the new facility and innovation spaces. Tour times and grand opening dates will be announced shortly. To find out more about the new hub, visit www.sunshineskillshub.edu.au.

EVENTS – For Your Diary

VU Forum – 24 April at St Albans campus

Open Day – 16 August at Footscray Park campus.

Registrations can be made at vu.edu.au/open-day-2020.

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