

VU NEWS



Welcome to Term 3 and the third edition of the VU News.

Recent results for the [2020 Student Experience survey](#) have seen VU jump two places to become the third highest-ranked university in the country, and first in Victoria for Learner Engagement. These strong results in a challenging year show that VU didn't just help students cope with their studies, but also thrive in the remote learning environment.

Attendees at 'VU in Focus Footscray Park: Virtual Open House' had the chance to experience first-hand how the [VU Block Model](#) enables educators to continue providing high engagement remotely as they participated in workshops facilitated by our First Year College staff. Don't miss the next event in our series of bespoke personal development sessions, '[VU in Focus: St Albans Open House](#)'.

If you or your students have any questions or would like to book an engagement activity, please be sure to reach out to the VU Future Students Team student.recruitment@vu.edu.au.

Upcoming Events

VU Open Day

Register now to get the latest news on Open Day.

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VU in Focus

Experience life as a first-year Health or IT student through a series of interactive and hands-on activities at our St Albans Campus.

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Victorian Tertiary Education Access Webinar

Join us for an interactive virtual session to support people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

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Opportunity grows for qualified Speech Pathologists

Speech pathologists are playing an increasingly important role in enabling a better quality of life for those experiencing communication challenges.

There are opportunities for speech pathology students with an interest in social equity and health science to start their career in a range of fields including corrections, aged care, government policy development and the entertainment industry.

With placements from first year and on-campus health simulation labs, speech pathology students at VU will be well equipped for a career in this area.

[Hear more from Debbie James](#), the Course Chair of VU's Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences/ Master of Speech Pathology. This dual degree prepares students to start their careers in this rapidly evolving and diverse field.

[Visit the website](#) for course information and entry requirements.



Request a presentation from a VU student

This year we are offering schools the unique opportunity to book a virtual or in-person presentation for Year 11s or 12s from one of our Student Ambassadors, like Akeisha.

Akeisha chose to study the [Bachelor of Science \(Osteopathy\)](#) at VU due to its reputation in the field and the flexibility of the Block Model, that allows her to follow her other passion, soccer. VU's Student Ambassadors can provide insights for you and your students on:

- their transition from high school to uni
- how they decided what to do after school
- what studying in the Block Model is really like
- the units, facilities and placements in their course
- social opportunities on campus and making friends
- tips for your students on achieving their best in the final years of school.

Visit the [VU Career Practitioners website](#) and request a VU Student Ambassador presentation now or [watch Akeisha's story](#).



TAFE-vs-TAFE cyber security challenge

Last month VU Polytechnic's cyber security students came first in Victoria and second nationally in the first-ever TAFE-vs-TAFE cyber security challenge.

Aspiring cyber security specialists battled it out at our state-of-the-art [Cisco Cyber Security Centre](#) located at St Albans Campus. VU Polytechnic only began offering the [Certificate IV in Cyber Security \(22334VIC\)](#) in 2019, which is a testament to the high quality of teaching and support given to students.

The contest was organised to promote the cyber security profession as there is a shortage of trained professionals in this in-demand field. The Certificate IV in Cyber Security is part of the Victorian Government's [Free TAFE](#) initiative, where eligible students can study the course tuition-fee free.



How your students can gain hands-on work experience with

VU IT Services

Your work experience students have the opportunity to learn more about a career in IT with our fantastic team at [VU IT Services](#).

If you have talented students with a keen interest in ICT, project management and cybersecurity, VU will offer them the chance to shadow or even gain hands-on work experience with teams and projects related to their interests.

VU IT Services supports VU students through their study to ensure they graduate work ready, tech ready and life ready for a successful career in the industries of the future.

Starting in August, please contact please contact Maya Linden (maya.linden@vu.edu.au) for more information and to book your students now.



VU Guaranteed UniLodge discount

While moving away from home to attend university can be incredibly exciting for students, the cost of living can be a barrier.

The Future Students team is excited to announce that VU Guaranteed students are now eligible for an exclusive discount at UniLodge Victoria University, a modern and purpose-built student apartment complex in one of Melbourne's most exciting inner-city suburbs, Footscray Park. Included in the reduced rate of \$172* for the duration of their stay, your students receive:

- water, gas and electricity usage
- unlimited Internet
- membership to our Community Residential Life Program
- use of all common areas

All your VU Guaranteed successful students automatically qualify for this discount which will be applied to their room rate upon their rental application. Find out more about [UniLodge Footscray Park](#) or [book a tour today](#).

*\$172 discounted rate including utilities is only available for 6 bedroom apartment for students enrolling in first year 2022.

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