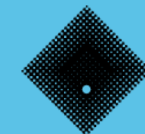

WEST OF MELBOURNE CHARTER

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – MELBOURNE



We acknowledge the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Kulin Nation who are the Traditional Owners of University land. We also acknowledge all Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay our respect to their culture, and their Elders past, present and future.

As we share our own knowledge practices within the University may we pay respect to the deep knowledge embedded within the Aboriginal community and their ownership of Country.

We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is a place of age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal and that the Kulin people's living culture has a unique role in the life of this region.

Melbourne's west is at the heart of Victoria University. We have served western region communities for more than 100 years through teaching, learning, training and research.

We offer excellence in tertiary education, research, and the skills our communities need to make the most of the opportunities in this growing region. We build on local strengths and bring a global outlook to all of our programs. We are the world-class university of the west.

Our west of Melbourne communities



We acknowledge the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Boonwurrung, Waddawurrung and Woiwurrung of the Kulin as the Traditional Owners of University land.



OUR PURPOSE

Our unique combination of degrees, vocational education and training contributes to healthier, smarter and more sustainable communities.

We provide our students with the knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to be the creators of the future. Through our strong industry and community connections we give them the practical support they need to achieve their success.

Our advocacy and leadership works to advance opportunities in Melbourne's west to meet its economic, social and ecological challenges.

OUR VALUES

We build trusted, long-term and meaningful connections with our students, and the communities we work in.

VU's values are: Always WEST



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE WEST OF MELBOURNE

– WHAT WE DO & STRIVE FOR

The VU Way

Our learning and teaching programs are all about the success of each and every student. They are designed to support more sustainable industries as well as the health and wellbeing of our western region communities.

We are a proud and innovative university, delivering an Australian first – the VU Block Model.

Our diverse community of students learn in small groups and study one subject at a time. This flexible approach supports their individual needs, leading to better learning outcomes and future-ready opportunities – for work, technology and life.

Connecting with people & place

Our network of campuses at Footscray, Sunshine/St Albans and Werribee, and other outreach locations, are welcoming gateways to learning, knowledge and skills and valued community destinations.

Through working with local communities we share knowledge, celebrate and express culture and identity.

We pursue shared goals through our partnerships with local governments and key industry and community organisations, and seek to uplift the communities in which we operate.

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– WHAT WE DO & STRIVE FOR

Strengthening social & economic wellbeing

Victoria University provides regional leadership, policy and research to make a difference to the health, wellbeing and prosperity of Melbourne's west.

We build strong partnerships at all levels to advocate for, and enable, a sustainable future in Melbourne's west.

Our programs use a contemporary and interdisciplinary approach. This means our students are better placed to fulfill their potential and meet the complex challenges of the future.

Diversity is our strength

We take an inclusive and integrated view of education that celebrates the powerful benefits of cultural and social diversity.

As a 'university without boundaries' we:

- ◆ foster inclusion and support students from diverse cultural, economic and social backgrounds
- ◆ work to create equitable, safe and respectful communities that enrich lives and connect us all
- ◆ actively promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges, cultures and educational opportunities.

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– WHAT WE DO & STRIVE FOR

Growing access & participation

We aim to increase participation and attainment rates in vocational and higher education in Melbourne's west.

We do this by providing students with future-focused knowledge, skills and training that meet workforce and community needs and prepare them for the jobs for the 21st century.

Our innovative combination of online and face-to-face learning creates exceptional value for our students.

Proudly, we are the University of Opportunity and Success.

Creating a healthy & sustainable future

The health of our planet is integral to the future of Melbourne's west – and to all our futures.

Our place-based 'planetary health' focus is about improving the health and wellbeing of our local and global communities, and our planet.

Our commitment to being a champion for planetary health underpins our research and teaching, work on campuses, and with industries and communities.

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE WEST OF MELBOURNE – WHAT WE DO & STRIVE FOR

**DEGREES, SKILLS
& TRAINING**

**PATHWAYS
TO SUCCESS**

**RESEARCH
WITH IMPACT**

**FLEXIBLE
LEARNING**

**COLLABORATION
& PARTNERSHIP**

**LOCAL FOCUS –
GLOBAL LENS**

