



Enhance graduate prospects

Supporting students to succeed beyond their degrees is at the heart of two new Victoria University (VU) programs to enhance graduate outcomes and employability.

Talent Connect aims to support students as they transition from university study to the workforce, while VU Extra is a formal endorsement of students' co-curricula activities.

Available on an opt-in basis to final-year students in their last six months of study, Talent Connect provides recruitment advice and support; interview techniques and skills; resume development and; mentoring advice from alumni mentors.

Dr Jo van Son, director of Employability at VU's Centre for Student Success, says Talent Connect is designed to help individuals transition from VU student to employee.

"Universities focus on supporting students to graduate but they generally do little to support students once their course is complete," she says.

"Talent Connect is unique because it's about VU taking responsibility of graduates as they transition to the workforce by providing them with the support they need during this critical time."



Study Expo

IDP Education once again brings together a range of Victoria's top universities and colleges for the International Student Expo, on Friday, 18 August at Novotel Melbourne on Collins. The event allows international students to meet face to face with representatives from 22 study institutions to hear directly from the source about courses that are best for their needs, and how to apply. Students who attend can access benefits such as zero application fees, scholarships, student visa guidance and free seminars covering visa and migration, LinkedIn for employment and the IELTS Masterclass. For more information, visit IDP.com/Australia.



Future design

Holmesglen fashion student Lacey Savell relocated from Perth to chase her dream of running her own label. Savell chose Holmesglen for its "strong industry focus" and "hands on" delivery, and recently styled a series of major fashion shows at the Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival. She also worked as the head dresser and assistant stylist for the David Jones Opening Gala. Savell has since launched her beauty and fashion business, Something to Wear. "My advice is to get involved in any which way you can. I started as a volunteer and from being proactive and hardworking, within a year I obtained my ongoing paid role," she said.

holmesglen.edu.au



Secure a Summer Internship

They say 'S' is for summer, sand, sun, and SCHOOL'S OUT. It may feel a while away but now is the time to think about the summer ahead and what you can accomplish. A summer internship is a prime opportunity to apply your university knowledge to a real work environment and improve your employability for when you put those textbooks away for the last time.

The Performance Careers Professional WIL Placement (Internship) Program not only provides a nationally recognised unit of competency but the all-important experience needed to stand out in a competitive graduate job market.

performance.edu.au/internships



Drive the future

Victoria University's growing focus on entrepreneurship has been backed by a new study showing 80 percent of Australia's start-up founders are university graduates, and that universities strongly contribute to expanding the digital economy.

The Universities Australia and Startup Muster report forecasts that start-ups will create more than half a million jobs over the coming 20 years, and have already contributed more than \$160 billion to the Australian economy.

VU's recently launched free start-up hub, The VU Hanger, is helping not only VU students and staff, but – uniquely among Australian universities – anyone in the local community looking for start-up mentoring or advice on improving an existing business.