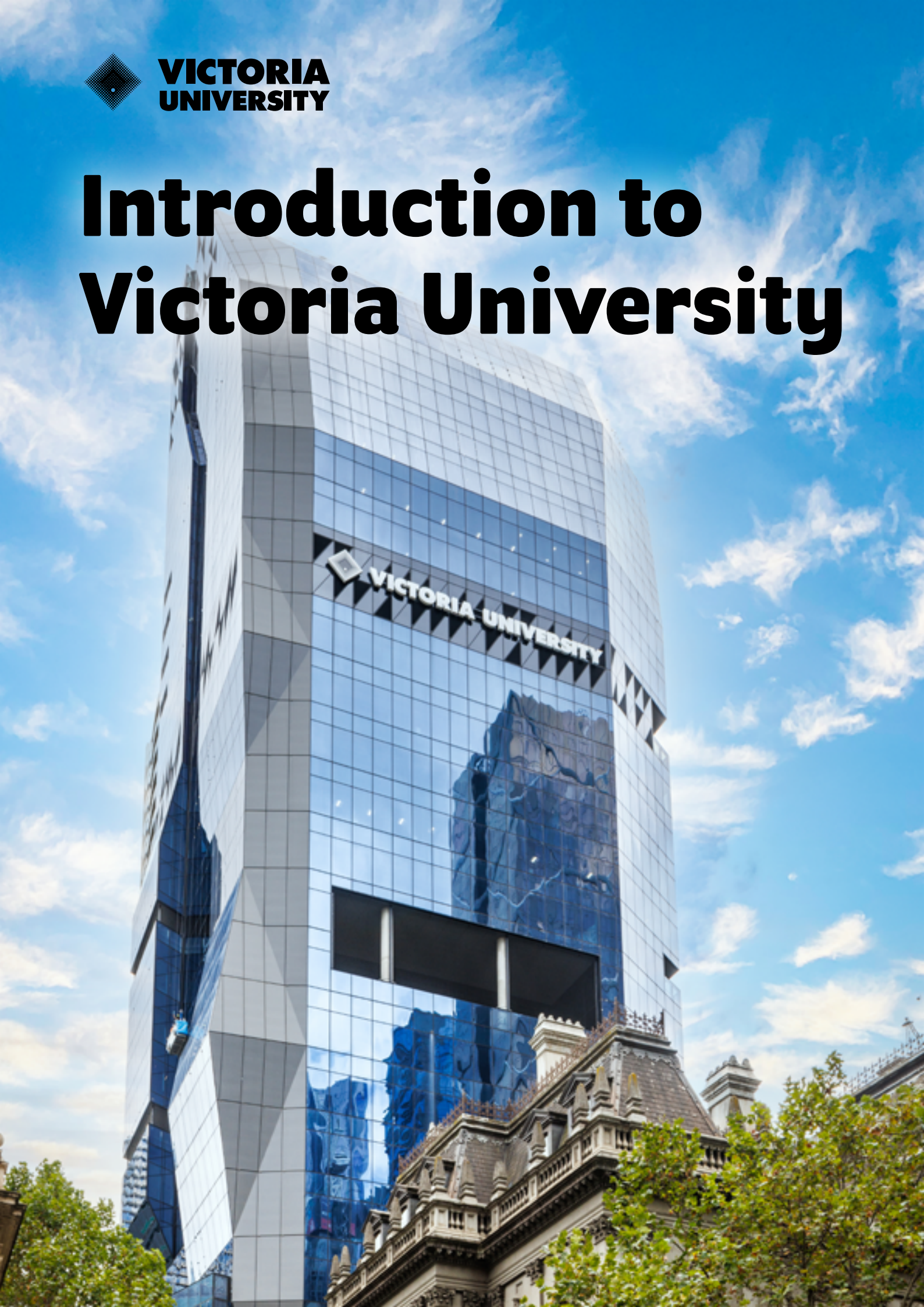


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Introduction to Victoria University





Country is alive. Country is here and now and not some relic of the past.

We acknowledge and pay our deep respects to the Ancestors, Elders, and families of the Traditional Owners on all of our campuses. At Victoria University (VU) we honour Indigenous cultures. Everything we do and every decision we make is underpinned by a commitment to Protecting Country. Country is both a place of belonging and a way of believing, as well as contributing to the conservation of critical environmental and diverse cultural assets. It is a community-driven movement towards long-term social, cultural, physical, and economic prosperity and sustainability.



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Our 2022-2028 Strategy: Start well, finish brilliantly

Purpose

Victoria University emboldens its people to design their future and has a deep commitment to Protecting Country.

Vision

To be a global leader in dual sector learning and research by 2028

Strategic Drivers

To achieve our vision, we have identified five Strategic Drivers to get us to our 2028 target. Our vision is big and ambitious. It is also achievable.



Three elements are particularly distinctive for VU:

- ◆ Matching learning to lives with concurrent Higher Education and VU Polytechnic offerings in areas of clear workforce need.
- ◆ A ‘flipped campus’ approach bringing ethical industries onto and into the core of each campus to enhance employability.
- ◆ The integrative underpinning of Protecting Country and planetary health throughout research and the operations of the university.

To read the full Strategic Plan

[Click Here](#)

About Victoria University

Our Awards and Rankings



Ranked top 2% worldwide

VU is ranked in the top 2% of universities worldwide (Times Higher Education 2024).



Award-winning learning

Achieve more through our award-winning VU Block Model®. Study one subject at a time, in interactive, workshop-style classes where you can build hands-on skills.

No.1

in Australia for technical skills

2022 QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey.

No.1

in Victoria for learning engagement

2022 QILT Student Experience Survey.



No.7 in sport education

ARWU (Academic Ranking of World Universities, also known as the Shanghai Ranking) 2023.



101–200th impact ranking

Times Higher Ed (THE) Impact Rankings 2023.



Net zero by 2025

Our goal is to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2025, and to be net positive by 2028 – leading the way for other universities across Australia.



No.66 in equity and excellence

VU ranked #66 globally for Equality in the QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2024, recognising VU's deep commitment to progressive inclusivity in all we do.



101–150th young university in the world

(Young University Rankings 2023). While VU has offered education and training in Melbourne's west for over 100 years, we have been a university for less than 50.



Winner Vocational education and training

Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence: VU Together Against Racism Working Group (2023).



Platinum winner Best ethical training & best diversity/inclusion

LearnX: *VU Understanding & Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Identities and Together Against Racism* eLearning modules (2023).



Platinum winner Best online learning & best eLearning team

LearnX: VU Online (2023).

Our VU Community



Students

- ◆ Over 45,000 total students
- ◆ Over 17,000 international students from 112 countries, including around 6,900 offshore students studying VU qualifications at our partner universities in Asia
- ◆ 23% of HE and 68% of VET students reside in the western Melbourne region
- ◆ 48% are the first in the family to undertake a degree
- ◆ 59% of new domestic commencements at VU each year are VET students
- ◆ Over 70% were born in another country
- ◆ 35% come from a non-English speaking background



Staff

- ◆ Just over 2000 staff in total including ongoing, fixed term, casual and sessional
- ◆ 87% full time (fixed term and ongoing staff)
- ◆ A diverse workforce, with the top three countries of origin (apart from Australia) being India, China, and England
- ◆ 60.9% women, 38% men and 1% self-described
- ◆ 1.3% First Nations Peoples
- ◆ Most live in Greater Western Melbourne



Alumni

- ◆ Our expansive network spans of 280,000 graduates
- ◆ 36,000 professionals live and work overseas

You may recognise...

- ◆ Nyadol Nyuon OAM: Director of the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre
- ◆ Aaron Fitzgerald: CEO of Grill'd International
- ◆ Kashif Bouns: General Manager Western Bulldogs Community Foundation
- ◆ Dr Paola Balla: Artist, curator and Director of Teaching and Learning at VU's Moondani Balluk
- ◆ Sarah Carter: former Mayor of Maribyrnong City Council and Manager, Australian Regional Leadership Initiative at Save the Children
- ◆ Josh Hose OAM: two-time Paralympic Games wheelchair rugby gold medallist
- ◆ Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, CEO and Founder of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Our teaching and learning structure

Victoria University's teaching and learning structure is structured around our distinctive specialisations and areas of expertise.

- ◆ Two discipline-based higher education colleges
 - College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT
 - College of Sport, Health and Engineering
- ◆ The First Year College®
- ◆ A TAFE division known as VU TAFE.
 - College of Trades, Technology and Hospitality
 - College of Health, Early Childhood and Community Services
 - Centre of VU Transitions

Our dual sector status is something we are proud of and want to do more with. This means offering dual sector education in a new, concurrent way, bringing together the most relevant skills with the best possible career-focused degrees.

VU students can choose to graduate when they meet their initial study goals, enhance their job prospects by earning extra qualifications concurrently, and come back for more study whenever they wish.

VU First Year College® and the VU Block Model®

VU is the only university in Australia with a college dedicated to the first year of study. The First Year College was first introduced in 2018 and is led by a multidisciplinary team of specialist educators.

Soon after came the revolutionary (and award-winning) VU Block Model®, a unique learning and teaching approach enabling our students to realise their potential.

While other universities typically teach in semesters with multiple subjects at a time, at VU students balance their study, lives, and work by doing just one subject at a time – intensively and in small student groups – over a four-week period.

TAFE at Victoria University

Through TAFE at Victoria University, we offer contemporary vocational education and applied industry-relevant programs that build skills and competencies for lasting success in work and life.

Courses are hands-on and immersive, with a range of opportunities provided through our strong network of partners. With our state-of-the-art facilities and workplace connections, students develop the job-ready skills they need to succeed.

Real-world research

Research at VU has always been multidisciplinary, carried out in collaboration with industry, government, and other research institutions. Our researchers have an unyielding focus on real-world research generating positive solutions for people, place and planet.

VU also has a significant profile in developing robust evidence-based policy and in advocating for best practice policy development and implementation, nationally and internationally. Through the Mitchell Institute for Education, the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, the Centre of Policy Studies and Centre for International Research on Education Systems, these leading think tanks and trusted thought leaders contribute to a healthier, fairer and more productive society.

Industry at the core

VU continues to embrace its role as a major institution of Greater Western Melbourne through strong strategic partnerships with local Councils and major industry partners.

As part of our Strategic Plan, VU has adopted an ambitious goal to house at least one strong industry partner on every campus, with a comprehensive and deep alliance that aligns logically and ethically. We call this the ‘flipped campus’ model, and its success is already across all our campuses.



Our campuses

We have eight campuses across Melbourne's west, CBD, and interstate.

City Tower



Footscray Nicholson



Footscray Park



St Albans



Sunshine



Werribee



Brisbane



Sydney



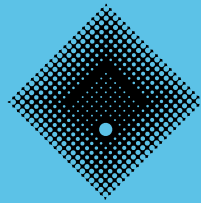
Our campuses are currently undergoing precinct-led development, with a focus on co-locating with industry both logically and ethically.

Highlights include:

- ◆ The City Campus features state-of-the-art Tower located in the law precinct of Melbourne's CBD, and brings together Higher Education and TAFE courses.
- ◆ In partnership with the Victorian Government and Ambulance Victoria, we are creating an Australian-first Centre of Excellence in Paramedicine and co-locating with Ambulance Victoria at our Sunshine Campus.
- ◆ The new Footscray Hospital, adjacent to our Footscray Park campus and with a pedestrian bridge connection between the two, opens in 2025 and will provide a world class health and education precinct.
- ◆ Building on the highly successful Wyndham Tech School located at VU's Werribee Campus, we will deliver the new Brimbank Tech School at our Sunshine Campus. It will open to students by the start of term 3, 2026 and is a partnership with the Victorian Government.

We are committed to the health and wellbeing of our local communities, future generations, and their workforce needs. Our campus approach is agile, and we remain dynamic and responsive to changing conditions – practically and creatively.





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