

Weekly Career News

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COOL COURSES & CAREERS

Meet Kirsty Crosby: Kirsty is studying the Bachelor of Applied Science/Bachelor of Speech Pathology at La Trobe University, Bundoora.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** Biology Units 3+4, Physical Education, Mathematical Methods, English Language, Chemistry, Youth Ministry.
- **Year 12:** Physical Education, Further Mathematics, English Language, Chemistry, Psychology.

What is your course like? I get 3 electives for the whole course; all the other subjects are compulsory. The course goes for 4 years. The first year is general health science subjects and then from second year becomes specific to speech pathology. In third year I will undertake work placement and fourth year will be mostly placement. Most of my subjects have lectures (ranging from 1-3 hours) and one workshop class that is 2 hours long.

What do you love about your course? To me effective communication is the most important thing in life. Without it we are unable to know what the other person is thinking or express how we are feeling. Knowing that I will be able to help people who are unable to communicate (or have difficulty communicating) to be able to be understood again and people to actually listen (as a lot of people who stutter will have people stop trying to talk to them as it is 'hard to understand' or takes 'too long') is why I love speech pathology so much. I know I can make a difference in people's lives.

How did your VCE subjects prepare you for your course? One of the subjects I have just completed is a lot like Year 11 English Language, one last year was a lot like Psychology, and Biology and Physical Education helped me last year with my anatomy subject. Having some prior knowledge helps make it easier to learn at a university level. They also helped me determine exactly I wanted to study by figuring out what aspects of each subject I liked.

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Meet Bill Gibson: Bill completed the Advanced Diploma of Architectural Design at the Wodonga Institute of TAFE.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** Visual Communication Design, VET Building Units 3 + 4, English, General Mathematics.
- **Year 12:** English, Visual Communication Design, Further Mathematics, Physics, Accounting.

What was your course like? The course was a good starting point for me. It was very involved and only 4 of my original 21 classmates graduated at the end of third year. I learnt a lot about construction and had a good handle on the 3D drafting program by the end of 2nd year. The third year was part time and allowed me to pick up work in the industry. The course covered the basics of good design.

What were some of the best parts of your course? Touring local architecture and construction sites was very interesting. As was the 3D drafting program and its capabilities in producing photo like images.

How did your VCE subjects prepare you for your course? I found there was a lot of overlap in my course with what I had learnt in Visual Communication Design. Surprisingly English was also quite helpful, helping me to overcome my crippling fear of public speaking, which was covered in depth in my course.

What do you do now in your graduate position? I work full time as a Designer/Draftsman in a small architecture firm. My job is fantastic. I am involved in every aspect of the build from the first client meeting or tender submission to the finished product. I work directly with an architect with over 35 years experience who is a wealth of knowledge. Seeing my work develop and have a direct influence on the built environment is a fantastic feeling.

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Meet Jacqueline Tooley: Jacqueline completed the Bachelor of Arts (Theatre Studies) at Notre Dame University.



What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** Music (Solo), Politics, Text and Traditions, Literature.
- **Year 12:** Music (Solo), History, Literature, Politics.

What was your course like? I really enjoyed my time at university - Notre Dame is much smaller than University of Sydney for example, so it wasn't too overwhelming for me, having come from a relatively small town. Our classes were very small which meant you could really talk to your lecturers and tutors, and you got to know almost everyone in your course really well.

While there I got a scholarship to do a semester abroad in the USA, which helped to round off my studies and expand my thoughts and ideas. It also meant I could do work experience on Broadway in New York City!

What did you love about your course? The favourite part of my course (apart from the exchange program) was my Theatre Studies major. The theatre department was pretty small so you were with the same group of people for the whole three years. It was so practical so we were always directing plays, writing productions, performing them, designing the lighting, the sound and costumes, everything! We got to create in our own way.

What is your graduate position? I have worked at Melba Recordings in Melbourne and as a Box Office Systems Supervisor for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. At the moment I'm living in London working at West End Theatre while juggling acting jobs (I've just done a days work on the new Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant film) and I'm starting my own production company with an old peer.

After university, I auditioned for all the drama schools in Australia but didn't get into any so I decided to come to London (after work in arts administration for a few years to save). At the moment I don't know what I'm going to do once my visa is up, but that is kind of exciting!

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Meet Dewald Hein: Dewald completed the Bachelor of Interactive Entertainment (Games Programming) at Qantm College.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** English, Information Technology, Visual Communication Design, Mathematical Methods.
- **Year 12:** English, Further Mathematics, Visual Communication Design, Media.

What was your course like? In one word - intense. It was a normal Bachelor course condensed into 2 years with trimesters each year, so the workload was incredibly steep straight off the bat. At the same time, I gained a vast amount of knowledge in a very short amount of time.

What were some of the best parts of your course? The lecturers worked part time in their respective industries, so we knew that what we were learning was completely relative to the current industry. Also the fact that it was so short meant that I was able to get into the industry quicker and start my career.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? The math subjects I chose did help a bit, but no way near as much as it would have if I studied Mathematical Methods in Year 12. Multimedia helped me the most since it was a good balance between studying creative concepts as well as technical.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? I'm currently working as a games programmer at my second games studio, working on different video games for a range of platforms, from PC to console and mobile.

What do you enjoy about your job? It's very interesting being able to see the "behind-the-scenes" of my hobby, and being able to work with new hardware and software that most people won't be able to see for a very long time.



UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

- **7, 9: La Trobe University**, Shepparton (7), Melbourne (9), <http://bit.ly/1BGrG35>
- **9: La Trobe Melbourne**, <http://bit.ly/1N3RpTW>
- **8: Moorabbin Flying Services**, Cheltenham, www.mfs.com.au
- **8: SAE Creative Media**, Melbourne, <http://sae.edu.au/>
- **8 & 9: Health Skills Australia**, Blackburn Campus (8) and Melbourne CBD Campus (9), www.healthskills.com.au
- **9: RMIT**, Melbourne, Bundoora, Brunswick, <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>
- **9: Australian Catholic University**, Melbourne Campus, www.acu.edu.au/99146
- **9: Deakin University**, Geelong campuses, <http://bit.ly/1N0i0kr>
- **9: Deakin College**, Geelong, <http://bit.ly/1zA9Sq>
- **9: The Gordon Institute**, Geelong, www.thegordon.edu.au/
- **9: Monash University**, Business Open House, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1MHh33T>
- **9: Academy of Design Australia**, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1gDDAlc>
- **9: Marcus Oldham College**, Geelong, <http://bit.ly/1wEGiuc>
- **9: Longerenong Agriculture College**, www.longy.com.au/
- **9: Navitas College of Public Safety**, Melbourne, www.ncps.edu.au/
- **9: William Angliss Institute**, Melbourne, www.angliss.edu.au
- **9: Australian College of Applied Psychology**, Melbourne, www.acap.edu.au/
- **9, 12: Australian College of Sports Therapy**, Melbourne, www.sportstherapy.edu.au/

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Enjoy 'hands on' learning? You may be suited to pursuing a vocational course or traineeship/apprenticeship after school. My Skills is a fantastic website which will assist you to:

- Identify vocational courses in each state
- Identify training providers near where you live (e.g., TAFE institutes)
- Learn about skill shortages in each state
- Get information about government loans such as VET FEE-HELP

To explore the site, go to www.myskills.gov.au/



Hairdresser



Baker



Arborist

Dietetics and Human Nutrition at La Trobe University:

Dr Sue Shepherd is a senior lecturer in the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition. She is the founder of the Low FODMAP Diet and she has won the Douglas Piper Young Investigator of the Year Award in 2006 for her FODMAP research, and Best Health and Nutrition Cookbook in Australia. Check out 'Kitchen Academic' videos where Sue will be making a low FODMAP recipe and discussing her revolutionary research, <http://bit.ly/1HkHZOH>

Calling all High School film makers: As part of their annual Martini Awards, JMC Academy hosts the 2015 High School Mocktail Award for the best short film. You need to submit a 3 – 5 minute film by 30th of September. The prizes are amazing. To find out more and to submit your film, go to <http://bit.ly/1len9EA>

Year 10 Students: Subject selection is here and it is time to tap into resources available to assist you in choosing VCE subjects. Please find below resources from universities that will assist you in understanding university prerequisites, the ATAR, and the VCE/HSC:

- *La Trobe University Year 10 website-* <http://bit.ly/1OKh3xs>
- *Charles Sturt University Year 10 website-* <http://bit.ly/1g633vY>
- *Monash University Year 10 website-* <http://bit.ly/1KLhyJE>

Explore what occupations might suit you: The 'Monash FutureYou' guide will give you an idea of careers you may enjoy based on your personality style. You will just need to answer some simple online questions at the following website- www.monash.edu.au/futureyou

Applying to the University of Melbourne? If your circumstances have prevented you from achieving your best, Access Melbourne can help. The institute has just announced their guaranteed ATARs for the 2016 intake for Access Melbourne students.

If you qualify for the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) categories 1- applicants from rural or regional areas and/or 3 - disadvantaged financial background, you will be guaranteed a commonwealth supported place in one of the following degrees, providing you meet course prerequisites and achieve the minimum ATAR-

Science and Environments	78
Arts	80
Commerce	88
Biomedicine	95

Applications open Monday 3 August and close 6 October via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/1E4ln55>

Interested in studying at the University of Melbourne? If you are concerned you won't achieve the required ATAR, you should explore the Diploma in General Studies. The 12-month Diploma provides students with the opportunity to articulate into several Bachelor Degrees at the University with credit. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/1E4lkGx>

Interested in working in theatre, film or television? National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) applications are now open. NIDA offers undergraduate courses in Acting, Costume Design, Design for Performance, Technical Theatre, Properties and Objects, and Staging. Applications close Wednesday 30 September and auditions and interviews will take place in November. For information, go to www.nida.edu.au



Early Achievers Program at Australian Catholic University: This is an early entry program that takes into account factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses. Other factors include evidence of community service, leadership, school participation etc. If you are accepted into the program, you will be guaranteed entry into their degrees with a minimum ATAR, providing you also meet prerequisites. ACU have just announced the minimum ATARs for the 2016 intake:

- 70 – Law, all dual Law degrees, and Physiotherapy
- 65 - Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
- 58.5 - all other degrees.

Applications open Monday 10 August and close Monday 19 October, www.acu.edu.au/454796

New courses at RMIT

Bachelor of Engineering (Automotive Engineering) (Honours)/ Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours):

- This double degree is a specialised program that addresses the ongoing demand for automotive engineering with an industrial design background. RMIT is offering this course in response to the changing landscape of automotive manufacturing, <http://bit.ly/1ITAw0w>

Bachelor of Analytics (Honours):

- This course provides students with complementary skills in analytics, tapping into studies in statistics, operations research, computer science, information technologies, business, economics, finance and marketing. With exponential growth in available data, the analytics discipline has emerged as a key field requiring skilled analysts, <http://bit.ly/1HI3A9R>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Students studying VCE Arts and Technology

Subjects: Academy of Design Australia is running VCE Help Days at their South Melbourne campus. You will be able to select from the following workshops:

- Visual Communication Design: Folio Check – Sunday 9 August. Finalising the Folio and preparing The Pitch (Unit 4), Saturday 22 August.
- Product Design & Technology: The SAT Folio – Stage 4, Saturday 22 August.
- VCE Exam & Folio Workshops – Wednesday 23 September.

For information on prices and workshops and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/1DKjoin>

Festival of Change: This amazing free event is being held 22 August at 25 Victoria Street, Fitzroy, Victoria. The Festival is for young people who would like to learn about careers in occupations such as interior design, entrepreneurship, Chinese medicine, design, visual art, health and wellness, graphic design, and nutrition etc. You will be able to

- Hear from inspirational guest speakers
- Participate in hands-on workshops
- Watch demonstrations
- Speak to entrepreneurs

For information, go to <http://bit.ly/1fXFNac>



A Day in the Life of a Designer, Billy Blue

College: Find out what it is like to study at Billy Blue by participating in a hands-on workshop on 26 September. Students participating in this workshop at the Melbourne campus will be able to explore careers in:

- Communication Design/Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Branded Fashion
- Digital Media Design
- Photography

For more information and to register, go to www.billyblue.edu.au/

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Open Day at UNSW Art & Design, 6 September, is the first step in realising your artistic, creative and professional potential. Experience what it's like to be a student at our purpose-built Paddington Campus. Attend information sessions, test our studio spaces, workshops and media production facilities, visit our art studios, meet inspiring staff, students, leading artists and design professionals, and discover what makes UNSW Art & Design a global university in design, art, technology and cultural leadership, <http://bit.ly/1HI25ZI>

August Events

- **3 – 21: Be a Chemist for a Day**, Victoria University, Year 9 Students, <http://bit.ly/1IB7PFv>
- **18, 27: At Monash Seminar Series**, Theatre, Performance & Music (18) and Science (27), <http://bit.ly/1LbfvWR>
- **22: Festival of Change**, Fitzroy, <http://bit.ly/1fXFNac>
- **23: RMIT Flight Training Open Day**, Point Cook, <http://bit.ly/1fhzVrZ>
- **24, 25, 26: Charles Sturt University MyDay**, Engineering, Bathurst (24), Communication & Creative Industries, Wagga Wagga (25 & 26), www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

September Events

- **1, 3, 8, 17: At Monash Seminar Series**, Teaching (1, 3, 8) and Engineering (17), <http://bit.ly/1LbfvWR>
- **8: Industrial Design for 2020 and Beyond**, Engineering and Design Information Evening, Deakin University, Geelong Wauran Ponds campus, sebe-events@deakin.edu.au
- **9: Architecture and Built Environment Information Evening**, Deakin University, Geelong Wauran Ponds campus, sebe-events@deakin.edu.au
- **14 – 16: The Swinburne–ConocoPhillips Science Experience**, Year 9 and 10 students, Hawthorn Campus, <http://tinyurl.com/kno5vhm>
- **26: A Day in the Life of a Designer**, Billy Blue, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1OKht6Z>