

Weekly Career News

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COOL COURSES & CAREERS

Meet Katherine Padilla: Katherine is studying the Associate Degree of Fashion & Textiles Merchandising at RMIT.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** Mathematical Methods, English, Religion & Society, Studio Art, Business Management, Psychology.
- **Year 12:** Mathematical Methods, English, Further Mathematics, Business Management, Media.

What is your course like? My course has a lot of components involved to it. So far I've completed classes in business, textiles, merchandising and excel. Classes have textbook and hands-on active work. For example, going to a store and doing a window display, doing our own research and finding certain fabrics. There's a lot that has to be done outside of the classroom as well as work in class. It is definitely not boring because there's always a lot to do but it's not overwhelming either. It's very interesting.

What do you love about your course? I love the opportunities that I get from my course, like study trips (going to China this year and I've heard it's New York next year!!) and seminars that help you gain experience. The teachers let you know and if you're interested you send them an email and can get extra experience in the industry. I also love the assignments we get. They're not like anything I've encountered before.

Yes there are essays but there are a lot of assignments that are fun to do like doing a window display for an actual store, doing flat lay displays, draping, mannequin displays, product displays, and selecting a store and learning their techniques on how they merchandise their products. It's very active and quite fun to do. My favourite subjects are Fashion Merchandising and Excel.

Check out the course at this link-
<http://bit.ly/1LeUy67>

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Meet Brodie Martin: Brodie is studying the Advanced Diploma of Game Art (Animation) at Academy of Interactive Entertainment.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

- **Year 11:** Literature, Physics, VET Creative Industries, Religion, Accounting, Product Design and Technology - Materials
- **Year 12:** Literature, Accounting, Mathematical Methods, VET Creative Industries, Physics.

What is your course like? I attend 3 times a week, twice at an early 8:30am start and once at mid-day, where we are given a run-down on the things we will be learning for the day and the week before pushing full ahead into those studies where we would be given instructions and be watched as we completed assigned tasks for learning those tools. We have only one teacher who leads us through the year, and only one group of classmates.

The course itself is pretty full on. Using Maya and Photoshop you are tasked with design objectives such as to create/model a game level and its assets, along with texturing/giving a colour to those assets and laying it out into a simple and broad level that people can walk through, and other such tasks. Along with that you will learn how to create real scale models and give life to those creations through fluid animation and rigging. It definitely is quite challenging.

What do you love about your course? Some of the things I love about the course is the experiences you get and the stuff you get to do with other classmates with the same ideas as you; you can definitely form some strong bonds and learn a lot about new techniques as you share your own ideas and knowledge amongst each other. As you hit the second year, you branch off into your respective interests, either game or film, and start to learn industry standard techniques that will allow you to create visually stunning models and designs that will help you to get into your chosen industry with little problem.

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Meet Alyssa Barnard: Alyssa completed the Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor of Midwifery at Deakin University.



VCE subjects:

- **Year 11:** English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Japanese, Religion.
- **Year 12:** English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Japanese.

What was your course like? My course was very full on but very rewarding. The content you learn is insightful and engaging. Time management skills are necessary to ensure the requirements of the course can be met. In conjunction with classroom-based work, the course requires you to undertake clinical placement and continuity of care experiences with pregnant women and their families. A typical week for me involved 2 or 3 days a week of classes that consisted of lectures, tutorials and practical sessions.

The reason for what seems like a small workload is that I was on work placement for a lot of the time at university so we usually did the bulk of the theoretical work at the start of the semester prior to placement. I felt like I was constantly being challenged to learn something new and by the end of the course, was drawing on all aspects that I had learned along the way. Even now in my grad year I am still learning and consolidating both practical and theoretical components

What were some of the best parts of your course? The thing I loved most about my degree was that it was mostly hands-on learning! The double degree meant I had more placement than if I had just done my nursing degree alone. I was able to do placement at a number of leading facilities both in Geelong, Melbourne and Wodonga. I was also accepted into a fellowship program at Epworth Healthcare where in my third and fourth year of university, I undertook my core nursing units and placement at Epworth Healthcare in Richmond.

Fellowship programs are very rewarding. Aside from further developing and refining your knowledge and skills, they open up doors to career opportunities and connections. Lastly, I loved the connections I made and the experiences I shared with the women and families of those whom I worked with on continuity of care experiences. Being a midwife and a nurse is a very special career. I look forward to knowing I can

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make a positive impact on someone's patient experience and sharing special moments with women and their families.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? I am a Graduate Registered Nurse and Midwife at The Northern Hospital in Melbourne. This is a 12-month contract position allowing me to rotate through postnatal ward, birth suite, special care nursery, antenatal clinic and a surgical nursing ward so that I can consolidate the skills I learnt whilst at university.

What do you enjoy about your job? As a midwife I get to be part of a very intimate and special moment in a family's life, and for that I am ever grateful. I love hearing positive feedback and gratitude from families that I was there with them on their journey. Although nursing isn't as intimate, I still go to work knowing I get to work with patients and their families to improve their clinical outcomes and their patient experience.

Lastly, I love knowing I can travel the world with my work. There are so many career opportunities for nursing and midwifery that I can't see myself getting tired of doing my job for a long time!

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course?

- **English-** Learning to write all those university style essays! Referencing, referencing, referencing!
- **Biology-** A key subject when it comes to understanding pathophysiology, which is the foundation of clinical practice.
- **Chemistry-** It played a minor roll in my first year anatomy and physiology class.
- **Mathematical Methods-** Nurses and midwives have to do mathematics! We have drug calculations we need to perform all the time. They aren't complex like methods calculations are though, so if you were doing Further Mathematics you would be just fine.
- **Japanese-** Learning a language is a valuable resource to have in your mental toolbox. The hospital I work at now is very multicultural. I wish I knew Arabic or Turkish to help make it easier for patients and myself.

Learn about this course at the following link- <http://bit.ly/1LyKPHi>

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

- **22: JMC Academy**, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1Hbcl3W>
- **22: Chisholm Institute**, Dandenong, <http://bit.ly/1LeTFdS>
- **23: Box Hill Institute**, Box Hill campus, <http://bit.ly/1LeTkHY>
- **23: Deakin University**, Melbourne, www.deakin.edu.au/openday
- **23: Deakin College**, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1IzA9Sq>
- **23: Footscray City Films**, <http://bit.ly/1TJaRwH>
- **20, 22: Kangan Institute**, Echuca (20) & Moonee Ponds (22), <http://bit.ly/1NaWMUw>
- **23: Victoria University**, Footscray Park, <http://bit.ly/1JSEW6Q>
- **23: SAGE Institute of Education**, Melbourne, www.sage.edu.au/
- **28: La Trobe University**, Albury-Wodonga, www.latrobe.edu.au/openday



VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Automotive Technical and Parts

Apprenticeships: Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd invite students from all over Australia to apply for the 2016 Modern Apprenticeship Program. Successful students will undertake the apprenticeship at a dealer close to their home and be flown to Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane for block training. To find out about the program, application process, and to view a list of dealers, go to www.vantageautomotive.com

Join the La Trobe University Library! VCE and HSC students are invited to join to the La Trobe University library. You will be able to borrow items from the print collection, use the library facilities and use the library as a study space to prepare for exams. For information on how to join, go to, <http://bit.ly/1Kp3j7V>

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Free VCE revision lectures at Victoria

University (VU): If you are in Year 12 and would like assistance in preparing for your exams, you can attend free lectures at VU in the following study areas:

Maths Methods	Accounting
Chemistry	English
Psychology	Business Management
Legal Studies	

Some lectures are already full, so register your name ASAP. For information on dates and venues, go to <http://bit.ly/1fk9amg>



**FREE VCE
REVISION LECTURES**

Would you like to study at the University of

Tasmania in 2016? If you have to move interstate, you can apply for The George Alexander Foundation Relocation and Living Support Scholarship which is worth \$24000 over four years. Further, interstate students who enrol in an undergraduate law degree at the University are eligible to apply for a \$5000 relocation bursary to assist with the costs of moving. For information, go to www.utas.edu.au/scholarships

Photography competition: If you are in Year 11 or 12 and are studying the VCE, you are eligible to participate in the Deakin University Capture Photography Prize. Entries are now open and close midnight 24 August. For information and to enter, go to <http://bit.ly/1Ph3h5R>

Alternative entry pathway to Optometry at Deakin University:

Deakin Optometry is committed to training work-ready optometrists to address the workforce shortage in eyecare in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia. From 2016 onwards a 'Regional and Remote Entry Scheme' will be available to applicants who completed their Year 12 studies in a school located in any non-metro area of Australia or from within the City of Greater Geelong.

The entry scheme has a separate VTAC code offering an alternative entry pathway into Deakin's Optometry program. For information go to <http://bit.ly/1Wy0k6t>



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Explore Victoria University: If you are unable to attend the Open Day at Victoria University this weekend, don't worry as you may be able to attend one or more of their Explore VU Series Information Sessions. The discipline specific sessions will provide a chance for students to find out more about the course area they are interested in. Sessions will run during September. For a list of dates and venues, go to <http://bit.ly/1TLLDsi>

Nuclear Medicine Scholarships at RMIT: The Department of Health (Victoria) is offering five scholarships of \$10,000 each for nuclear medicine students studying the Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Radiations) - Nuclear Medicine stream, at RMIT in 2016. Applications are now open and will close 21 December 2015. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/1UNPeZ1>

Interested in becoming a pilot? Students are invited to attend the RMIT Flight Training Open Day at RAAF Williams Base, Point Cook on Sunday 23 August. Experienced flight instructors will be available to talk to you about your career options in aviation. From careers flying charter flights to jumbo jets to teaching others to fly, there is a huge range of career opportunities. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/1fhzVrZ>

The UNSW Arts & Social Sciences Explorer Award: is a \$10 000 award recognising the achievements of exceptional students who are finishing up high school and starting university. The Explorer Award is given to students with outstanding academic results, and proven experience as social leaders. Applications for the Explorer Award are assessed on the following:

- Academic Merit: 90 or above ATAR
- Leadership
- Demonstrated understanding of key national social issues.

Applications are due by 30 September. For information on how to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1hi99kM>

New Maths prerequisite approved for the University of Melbourne: Completion of the online MathsTrack course run by the University of Adelaide will satisfy the Unit 3 + 4 VCE Mathematical Methods subject which is a prerequisite for Science, Commerce and Biomedicine. The course can be taken online, will take 6 – 8 months to complete and there is a cost involved. For information go to <http://bit.ly/1DZBI5N>

UPCOMING EVENTS

August Events

- **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
- **27: At Monash Seminar Series**, Science, <http://bit.ly/1LbfvWR>

September Events

- **3 – 21: Explore VU Series**, Victoria University, <http://bit.ly/1TLLDsi>
- **1, 3, 8, 17: At Monash Seminar Series**, Teaching (1, 3, 8) and Engineering (17), <http://bit.ly/1LbfvWR>
- **6: Open Day, UNSW Art & Design**, <http://bit.ly/1HI25ZI>
- **8: Industrial Design for 2020 and Beyond**, Engineering and Design Information Evening, Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds campus, sebe-events@deakin.edu.au
- **9: Architecture and Built Environment Information Evening**, Deakin University, Geelong Waurin 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>
- **16: Science at Monash University Conference**, Clayton Campus, for parents and students, <http://bit.ly/1WcqCLk>
- **22: Astronomy & Light Festival**, Scienceworks, <http://bit.ly/1MXR7kH>
- **22 & 23: VCE Help Days**, Academy of Design Australia, <http://bit.ly/1Dkjoin>
- **26: A Day in the Life of a Designer**, Billy Blue, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1OKht6Z>