

Weekly Career News

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COOL COURSES & CAREERS

Meet Alana Veres: Alana completed the Bachelor of Business (Event Management) at Victoria University, <http://bit.ly/1ZPMf5Z>. She was the recipient of the 2014 Todd Blake Student Award offered by Victoria University in partnership with the Victoria Tourism Industry Council.



What was your course like? The Bachelor of Business (Event Management) was a great course with a broad subject range. For some people it can be difficult because you need to complete basic business subjects, however if you are prepared for this and prepared to work hard it's really enjoyable. The event specific subjects were really great and involved planning and implementing real-life events. There was also a huge opportunity to get involved in the industry while studying through volunteer work and Work Integrated Learning.

What were some of the best parts of your course? One of the best things about the course was Work Integrated Learning (WIL), which is typically completed in third year. WIL involves working in an events workplace, either in a paid placement or as a volunteer. It provides a great opportunity to meet industry contacts and learn on the job. WIL is compulsory before graduating from the course, as it is really important for career development. Victoria University also offer a range of study exchange and overseas work opportunities such as Disney World in Florida USA.

In the events management course there is a subject called Live Performance Management in which students work in groups to plan and implement an event. This subject is a great chance to work on a real event from liaising with the venue and suppliers to planning entertainment such as a band and even organising a charity fundraiser.

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What are you doing now in your graduate position? I work for a company called Arinex, which focuses on professional conference organisation. We manage a whole range of conferences and professional meetings, from the program and speaker management to the social events. In my role as a project coordinator, I liaise with the venue, furniture hire, program committee, chef and restaurants and other suppliers. I am also required to manage anything additional such as tours or entertainment hire.

What do you enjoy about your job? I love everything about my job. There is a really nice balance between office work and working onsite at a conference or event. The balance is great so I don't get bored of being in the office or onsite as the job is constantly changing! It is great to build up relationships with certain suppliers such as hotels or venues and then socialise with these people at industry events. The events industry is huge on networking so we are always being invited to things.

I am a naturally organised person and very attentive to detail so this role was perfect for me personally and professionally. I also love the social/networking aspect of the industry. If you're a social person who loves talking to others, you will love it too!

Examples of other event management courses:

You can study event management at TAFE or university.

- **William Angliss**, <http://bit.ly/1GY8AGh>
- **La Trobe University**, <http://bit.ly/1Rjwy0D>
- **Deakin University**, <http://bit.ly/1MyhfxF>
- **Macleay College**, <http://bit.ly/1Kjej64>

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Meet Jake Curtis: Jake is studying the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne with a double major in Economics and Finance, <http://bit.ly/1bRNoBx>



Senior School Subjects

- **Year 11:** English, Mathematical Methods Units 3 + 4, French, Physics, Specialist Mathematics
- **Year 12:** English, Specialist Mathematics, French, Physics, Business Management

What motivated you to choose these subjects?

For Law and Accounting (Year 10) and Business Management I thought they would be useful to learn about (and they were easily the most useful subjects for my university course). Mathematics because I was good at the subject. English was compulsory but I also enjoyed it and French and Physics purely out of interest and a desire to be able to understand both.

What is your course like? 8 hours of lectures a week and 4 hours of classes, with a lot of self driven learning outside of that. There are more choices of subjects than you can imagine at Melbourne Uni, and all the commerce based subject's interlock and enable you to build a broad understanding of business topics from an economic, financial, accounting, marketing, and management point of view.

Economics is a social science; it studies how consumers make decisions, how we can influence those decisions with motivators to make the world better or worse off. A mix of sociology and maths to make sense of the world we live in in a rational, logical manner.

You learn information that is very relevant to the 'real world' often even analysing the economic policy announcements from that very morning on the news. If you want to understand the decision making behind government policy, interest rates, share markets, banks or even just how people decide to spend their own money, economics is a very useful subject to study.

What do you love about your course? I love learning content that I can look at and immediately apply to how I watch the news and make decisions- it is so satisfying. A lot of people at school and even at university say that they think what they are learning is a waste of time, and I never feel that in a commerce subject.

FOCUS ON SUMMER SCHOOLS

Campion College Summer Program:

- **Who:** Year 10 – 12 students.
- **Where:** Campion College, Sydney (includes accommodation).
- **When:** 11 – 15 January 2016.
- **What:** The program gives interested students the opportunity to live College life for five days and nights before they make any long term tertiary decisions. Each morning, participants taste subjects such as literature, Latin, history, philosophy, theology etc. This is followed by various activities such as sport, bush walking, a beach trip, ballroom dancing and trivia. Students are encouraged to explore their Catholic faith and develop leadership skills.
- **How:** For more information, go to www.campion.edu.au/

National Computer Science School (NCSS)

- **Who:** Current Year 11 students and exceptionally gifted Year 10 students.
- **Where:** School of IT, University of Sydney (includes accommodation).
- **When:** 3 – 12 January 2016.
- **What:** NCSS brings together talented young people for an intensive course of computer programming and website development. The cost per student is \$440. Students will go on industry site visits and meet industry professionals.
- **How:** Applications are due by 6 November, www.ncss.edu.au/summer_school/



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The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

- **Who:** Current Year 9 & 10 students.
- **Where:** Various venues in Victoria and NSW.
- **When:** November and December 2015 and January 2016.
- **What:** You will be able to go behind the scenes and sample the exhilarating world of science. You will perform experiments, participate in field excursions, listen to university lectures and experience the excitement of life on campus.
- **How:** For more information, go to www.scienceexperience.com.au/

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MU Student Union VCE Summer School

- **Who:** Current Year 10 – 11 VCE students.
- **Where:** University of Melbourne (includes accommodation).
- **When:** TBA
- **What:** This event provides an introduction to the VCE and assists students to develop practical and academic skills. You will be able to participate in VCE workshops and tutorials, and you will get to know other students from across Victoria.
- **How:** Information hasn't been updated on the website yet, please bookmark the page to check at a later date, <http://bit.ly/1NjTv31>



Discover Architecture, University of Technology Sydney (UTS)

- **Who:** Current Year 11 students.
- **Where:** University of Technology, Sydney.
- **When:** 11 – 21 January 2016.
- **What:** The program will be structured around a diverse range of learning experiences that encompass design studio and computer lab based design exercises, seminars, lectures and field trips. Only 40 students can participate, so apply now!
- **How:** For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1GdYFOY>

Filmmaking Summer School

- **Who:** Students of all ages passionate about filmmaking.
- **Where:** Trinity College, University of Melbourne (includes accommodation).
- **When:** 5 - 24 January 2016.
- **What:** This intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds.
- **How:** For more information, go to www.summerfilmschool.com/



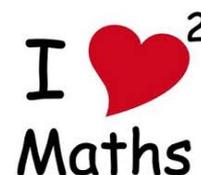
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Hands on Monash Indigenous Summer Camp

- **Who:** Indigenous secondary students (at least 16 years old).
- **Where:** Monash University, Clayton Campus.
- **When:** 13 - 15 December 2015.
- **What:** Students will undertake cultural, sport and social activities; participate in hands on workshops in areas such as law, engineering, health sciences, art and design, information technology, business and education; and receive careers and course advice.
- **How:** For information and an application form, please contact Kristel Keleher on 03 9905 8699, kristel.keleher@monash.edu

National Mathematics Summer School

- **Who:** Mathematically gifted secondary school students.
- **Where:** Australian National University, Canberra. Students will stay in college accommodation.
- **When:** 3 – 16 January 2016.
- **What:** Students will extend themselves in higher level mathematics, undertake excursions, participate in social activities and explore their passion for all things maths!
- **How:** for information and how to register, go to this link- <http://nmss.edu.au/>



Trinity Young Leaders Summer School

- **Who:** Students aged 14 – 17 years.
- **Where:** Trinity College, University of Melbourne.
- **When:** 29 November – 20 December 2015.
- **What:** Students will have the opportunity to: engage in interactive teaching, participate in excursions and group work, develop skills in critical and creative thinking, teamwork, public speaking, communication etc., and immerse themselves in a 'themed week' (e.g., biomedicine, social justice, environments, arts).
- **How:** For information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/1Zu9RNm>

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Selfies in the field initiative at the University of Melbourne: University researchers are taking selfies 'in the field', giving the rest of us the opportunity to sight them in their natural habitats! The #SelfiesInTheField social media campaign provides unique insights into the work University of Melbourne researchers do, from geology in remote southern Madagascar, to liquid Chlorophyll in the lab. To view some of the first selfies, go to <http://bit.ly/1jwLRZG>



Interested in Business, Economics or Commerce? Keep up to date with courses and events at the Monash Business School via:

- Facebook - <http://on.fb.me/1RjFXp9>
- 'Business as Usual' student blog – follow the progress of current students, <http://bit.ly/1Mymt4>
- YouTube - <http://bit.ly/1Xel2HU>

For information on business courses at Monash, go to <http://bit.ly/1KjppAr>

Residential Indigenous Science Experience (RISE) program: The University of Melbourne and the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) are running a week-long event for Indigenous students in Year 9 or 10 with a fascination for science. Students will have the opportunity to participate in laboratory workshops, exploring contemporary science guided by some of Melbourne's brightest young research scientists. Students will also visit world-class science facilities to see applications in industry. The program will run from 22 – 27 November 2015. For more information and to book your place, go to www.gtac.edu.au/rise/

Interested in studying a course at Swinburne University but you don't meet the Mathematics prerequisite? Swinburne is running MathsLink: Methods and MathsLink: Further, to assist students to be able to meet the prerequisites for courses in engineering, aviation, science, and health sciences etc. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1MOnAHA>

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER EVENTS

- **21: Extension Program Information Evening**, University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1Laqymd>
- **21: Celebrating Women in Physics**, University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1MmJuz6>

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- **12 & 13: Portfolio Workshop**, Whitehouse Institute of Design, <http://bit.ly/1WrZEOT>
- **25 – 26: Graduate Exhibition and Parade**, Whitehouse Institute of Design, <http://bit.ly/1WrZEOT>
- **22 – 27: Residential Indigenous Science Experience (RISE) Program**, www.gtac.edu.au/rise/

DECEMBER EVENTS

- **29 Nov – 20 Dec: Trinity Young Leaders Summer School**, Trinity College, University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1Zu9RNm>
- **15 – 18: High School Workshops**, JMC Academy, Music (15), Songwriting (16), Entertainment Business (17), Film & Television (18), Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1jYfuD9>
- **20, 29: UMAT Medical Interviews Workshop**, NIE, Richmond, <http://bit.ly/1hztLEi>

JANUARY EVENTS

- **3 – 12: National Computer Science School**, University of Sydney (for students going into Year 12 in 2016), <http://bit.ly/1G8vign>
- **5 – 24: Film Making Summer School**, University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1WWhXfp>
- **11 – 15: Champion College Summer Week**, Sydney, <http://bit.ly/1Ot4dY0>
- **13: Open Day**, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1VNjuHy>
- **14 – 15: Summer Workshops**, Whitehouse Institute of Design, <http://bit.ly/1WrZEOT>