

NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION 2010

Where and When

22–26 FEBRUARY and a couple of earlier events!

Before you take your mind where it's never been before—take your body.

Taking your first steps into university can be daunting. Our **New Students' Orientation** programme is a practical way:

- to welcome you to Victoria
- to help you 'find your bearings'
- for you to learn some academic preparatory skills
- for you to understand what Victoria offers you
- and to have fun

all before you get into serious study. You are welcome to attend as many orientations and events as you wish—**you will probably need more than one day.**

In the following pages are details of the variety of events and activities that will be running during this programme. Please note that:

- all events are held at Kelburn Campus except the Architecture and Design Orientation and the Civic Welcome
- Campus Tour times vary, so check carefully in the following section for the times relevant to your day/s on campus
- Student Computing, myVictoria and CareerHub workshop times also vary between different days.

We hope you find **NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION** useful and enjoyable in your transition to study and life at Victoria.

For new students...essential things to do are to visit an **INFO Desk and take a **Campus Tour**.**

INFO DESKS

If you have **any** questions about Victoria check out an INFO Desk. INFO Desks are **open 9am–5pm** during New Students' Orientation week and the first week of Trimester 1.

INFO Desks at Kelburn Campus are:

- on the Overbridge
- in the Maclaurin Foyer.

From INFO Desks get:

- A blank timetable sheet so you can fill in your weekly timetable
- Maps of Kelburn, Pipitea and Karori Campuses; pedestrian shortcuts from Kelburn to downtown
- Leaflets and information regarding support services:
 - Student Support Services Group
 - the Library
 - myVictoria
 - Language Learning Centre
 - Information Technology Services
 - Recreation Services
 - Chaplaincies
- VUWSA: Diary, Wallplanner, Salient Orientation special edition.

CAMPUS TOURS

Kelburn Campus tours (approximately an hour long) depart from each INFO Desk on:

- **Mon, Tue and Fri** (22, 23 & 26 Feb): **10am, 12 noon, 3pm and 4pm**
- **Wed and Thu** (24 & 25 Feb): **9am, 11.30am, 12 noon, 3pm and 4pm.**

EVENTS (listed in alphabetical order)

A STUDENT GUIDE TO THE FLATTING GALAXY WORKSHOP – Wed 24 & Thu 25 Feb at 9.45am-10.15am & 12.30pm-1pm, Murphy 101

Everything you need to know about leases, bonds, power bills, flat accounts and how to avoid a ‘flat from hell’ You will get a flat starter kit – standard lease form, bond forms, tenant referral form, flat sharing agreement and more. No need to register – just come along.

ADAM ART GALLERY, Kelburn Campus

Opening hours: Wed–Sun, 11am–5pm

Showing in the gallery from 24 Feb to 25 April 2010 is the exhibition *Anthony McCall Drawing with Light*. Anthony McCall has carved a unique position in contemporary art by bridging the gaps between the cinematic, the sculptural and the pictorial with his extraordinary “solid light films” that manifest as immersive installations made by drawing in real space with projected light. The Adam Art Gallery has invited the artist to use its striking architecture to present his work for the first time in New Zealand.

Special tour: Thu 25 Feb from 2.45pm-3.45pm

For more information please check the AAG website: www.adamartgallery.org.nz

CAMPUS COACHES

To help ease you into Victoria in 2010 join **Campus Coaches**. You and a number of other new students will be assigned to a senior student in your faculty (your Campus Coach) who will arrange group activities, take you on a campus tour, tell you about academic and support services, the best places to hangout around campus, etc. Your Campus Coach will also be available to assist you during the first three weeks of Trimester 1. To join Campus Coaches, enrol as soon as possible via the website:

www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/campus-coaches/

CAMPUS COACHES “KICK-OFF”

If you have registered with (or plan to register for) the **Campus Coaches** programme you will be involved from 11.15am onwards on either Wed 24 or Thu 25 Feb, depending on which Faculty Orientation/s you are planning to attend. You should attend the Vital VIC Info session on the particular day and while you are there you’ll be advised where to go at 11.15am. If you wish to register for Campus Coaches go to

www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/campus-coaches/

CAMPUS TOURS

See above for full details.

CERTIFICATE OF UNIVERSITY PREPARATION ORIENTATION

Wed 24 Feb starting at 10am, Hugh Mackenzie Lecture Theatre 206, Kelburn Campus

A welcome to CUP students. Meet staff in the University Preparation team and hear about the programme, the timetable and what you need to do to be ready to start your university studies.

CUP students must attend. Bring your family. They are most welcome.

We suggest that CUP students also attend the Thursday morning Vital VIC Info Session and other orientation events being held at Kelburn Campus.

CIVIC WELCOME

Be in **Civic Square, Downtown at 12 noon on Monday 22 Feb** for the fun Civic Welcome to **ALL** new students to Victoria. It will be cancelled if it is wet.

FACULTY ORIENTATIONS:

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN ORIENTATIONS — Wed 24 & Fri 26 Feb

Wed 24 Feb from 10am – 12 noon in Lecture Theatres 1 & 2, 139 Vivian Street, (Te Aro Campus)

A Welcome to:

- first year **Bachelor of Design Innovation (BDI) students** – which includes students studying Culture+Context, Industrial Design and Media Design.

Fri 26 Feb from 10am – 12 noon in Lecture Theatres 1 & 2, 139 Vivian Street, (Te Aro Campus)

A Welcome to:

- first year **Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) students** – which includes students studying Architecture, Architecture History and Theory, Interior Architecture and Landscape Architecture
- first year **Bachelor of Building Science (BBS) students**.

We suggest that Architecture and Design students should also attend the Wednesday or Thursday morning Vital VIC Info Session and other orientation events being held at Kelburn Campus.

FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATION ORIENTATIONS — Wed 24 Feb

A welcome to the Faculty for all first-year students studying towards a **BCA, BBIS and BTM**. You'll meet key Faculty staff, learn a bit about our Schools/programmes and the services we provide. There'll also be an opportunity to chat with lecturers (some may even be your own!) and senior students.

- **1pm–1.45pm BCA Orientation in Maclaurin LT 103 & 101**
- **1.45pm–2.30pm BCA, BBIS & BTM Expo / Faculty Facts, Maclaurin Foyer, Kelburn Campus**
- **2pm–2.30pm BBIS Orientation in Cotton LT 122**
- **2pm–3pm BTM Orientation in Maclaurin LT 102.**

FACULTY OF EDUCATION ORIENTATIONS

Start dates are different for teacher education programmes and programme-specific orientations are run by the Faculty of Education. For further information about these contact the Education Faculty Student Administration office on phone **04-463 9500** or email education@vuw.ac.nz.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES ORIENTATION — Thu 25 Feb

A welcome to **FHSS**—the largest faculty on campus—this is the orientation **for all students studying towards a BA, BMusic (in conjunction with the NZSM), BA/BTeach and BA/BTeach(ECE)**.

- From **1pm–2pm** the **FHSS Orientation** in the **Maclaurin Lecture Theatres** will give you an introduction to how the Faculty office can help you, hear first-hand experiences from current students and have some fun.
- At **2pm** meet in the **Maclaurin Foyer**, Kelburn Campus for a **FHSS Expo / Meet & Greet / refreshments** session where you can talk one to one with senior students, 100-level lecturers and Faculty staff to get answers to any questions you may still have.

FACULTY OF LAW ORIENTATION — Wed 24 Feb

A welcome to the Faculty, an introduction to the first-year programme, to senior students, to lecturers and key Faculty staff.

- **2.15pm–3.45pm** is the **Law Orientation**, in **Maclaurin 103 + 101**.
- From **3.45pm–4.30pm** meet in the **Maclaurin Foyer**, Kelburn Campus for **folklaw / refreshments**—giving you the opportunity to talk one to one with senior students and staff and to get answers to any questions you may still have.

FACULTIES OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ORIENTATION — Thu 25 Feb

A welcome to Science and Engineering—for **all students enrolling in a BSc (including conjoint BSc/BCA and BSc/BTeach), BBmedSc, BScTech and BE**.

- From **2.30pm–3.30pm** the **Science and Engineering Orientation** is in **Maclaurin LT 103**. This will focus on how to get the most out of lectures, tutorials, laboratories and field trips with a perspective from both academic staff and students.
- From **3.30pm–4.30pm** attend the **Expo / Meet & Greet** in the **Maclaurin Foyer**, Kelburn Campus where you can meet staff, students and tutors over refreshments and get answers to any remaining questions you may have.

GETTING INVOLVED WORKSHOP – Mon 22 Feb at 11.15am; Wed 24 Feb at 11.30am & 1.15pm; Thu 25 Feb at 11.30am & 3pm

At this 30–40-minute inter-active session held in **Murphy 101** you can find out about getting involved in uni life and have the opportunity to meet other people. You can ask current students and staff about clubs, physical exercise/team opportunities, volunteering, mentoring, spiritual facilities, etc.

HALLS HEAD START PROGRAMME

This programme for new students in first-year Halls of Residence runs all week at **Helen Lowry Hall, Stafford House, Te Puni Village, Unicomm, Victoria House and Weir House**. It gives halls students the opportunity to fully participate in New Students' Orientation week activities, helps you to get to know your hall, each other, the campuses and Wellington city. Your hall will advise you which day to arrive.

INFO DESKS

See page 1 for full details.

LIBRARY TOURS — KELBURN CAMPUS LIBRARY

Library tours of the **Kelburn Campus Library, Rankine Brown Building**, will be held daily from **22 Feb–5 Mar** at:

10.30am	1.30pm
11.15am	2.15pm
12 noon	3pm
12.45pm	

You have two options:

- **Introductory Library tours** (15-minutes)—short way-finding tours. These have no limit to the number of attendees; however, **you must register in advance: at the Issue Desk at the Library entrance**.
- **Extended Library tour** (45 minutes)—a way-finding tour followed by a 30-minute session giving an overview of library resources and how to find them. Extended Library tours are limited to the first 15 people to register for them: **register at the Issue Desk at the Library entrance**.

MĀORI STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

Mon 22 Feb, 10am–3pm at Te Herenga Waka Marae, 46 Kelburn Parade

A day to welcome Māori students and whānau. Come and familiarise yourself with what Victoria has to offer by way of support for Māori students. This day will be an introduction to the main New Students' Orientation programme. Join us each day during Orientation Week for breakfast in the Marae and a daily briefing at 8.15am. Contact Frances Rewharewha, Māori Liaison Officer/Kaitakawaenga Māori, phone **04-463 6668**, email frances.rewharewha@vuw.ac.nz

MATURE STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

Mon 22 Feb, 9am–11am, Hugh Mackenzie 206, Kelburn Campus

A mature student at Victoria is anyone who has not been involved in study for a few years—you may be 20, 55, 80+ or anywhere in between! You make up a substantial part of the university population. Come along to hear from current mature students, pick up study tips, network with other students, learn about support services, familiarise yourself with Kelburn Campus—prepare yourself for university study. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Even if you are working on this day we hope you will be able to come along to this session as it will be very beneficial. For mature students who have more time available there are many other events you will want to attend. Contact Jan Stewart, Student Learning Support Service, phone **04-463 5995**, email jan.stewart@vuw.ac.nz

MYVICTORIA & CAREERHUB WORKSHOPS

Find out how best to access and use the **myVictoria student portal and CareerHub** by attending a **45-minute** workshop. The venue is the **CyberCommons, Kirk 216, Kelburn Campus** and they are offered on:

- **Mon and Tue at 1pm**
- **Wed and Thu at 4.30pm**
- **Fri at 2.30pm**

They are being held immediately after a Student Computing workshop. You can attend both consecutively or select individual ones to suit your requirements and orientation week timeframe. **Note:** there is a 34-student capacity for each workshop—they are offered on a first-come first-served basis. **Take your student ID or your Confirmation of Study** so you can log on properly.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

Mon 22 Feb 1.30pm–3pm, Maclaurin 103, Kelburn Campus

Are you **new to Honours or Thesis study**, or is **Victoria new to you** as a postgrad? Come and meet other postgrads, the Postgraduate Students' Association, hear about support services available (Student Support Services, Library, IT) and familiarise yourself with Kelburn Campus.

Following this, join other new postgrad students, the panellists and the PGSA Exec. in the Premise Bar and Café, 3rd Floor, Rankine Brown Building.

PALS — PREPARATION FOR ACADEMIC LIFE AND STUDY – this is an “earlier” event

Fri 19 Feb, 9.30am–1pm, Hugh Mackenzie lecture theatre 206, Kelburn Parade

This is a study skills programme **for non-English-speaking background students**—permanent residents, refugee background students and international students. This interactive programme will introduce you to the learning environment and culture at Victoria and help you in practical ways to understand the requirements for successful study. Contact **Student Learning Support Service** to register: phone **04-463 5999**, website **www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/slss**

PASIFIKA STUDENTS' ORIENTATION – this is an “earlier” event

Pasifika Orientation Welcome – Wed 17 Feb, 5.00pm-8.30pm, Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus

This is an evening to welcome Pacific students and their families to Victoria University and get them more familiar with the University and what it has to offer. This evening kick starts an extensive programme specially organised to prepare our Pacific students on a successful journey at Victoria University.

Thu 18 Feb, 9am and 5pm (repeated session) – Union Hall, Level 3, Student Union Building

Workshops specially designed to prepare Pacific students for studying at Victoria University. Join us each day during Orientation week for breakfast at the Union Hall from 8.30am-9.30am. Contact Sera Gagau, Pacific Liaison Officer, phone **04-463 6670**, email **sera.gagau@vuw.ac.nz**

RECREATION CENTRE, KELBURN CAMPUS

Visit the Recreation Centre—on the city side of the Cotton Building. Check out the facilities, group exercise classes, sports leagues, sports clubs and activities programmes. If you are visiting Pipitea Campus, check out Pipitea Fitness in the basement of Rutherford House.

SMART START 2010

Fri 26 Feb, 9.30am–1pm, Maclaurin LT 103, Kelburn Campus

Take this opportunity to attend a half-day session to learn about academic writing and study before starting your courses at Victoria. Topics include tips for successful study, academic expectations, essay writing, reading and notetaking skills. These interactive sessions are designed to build your confidence, meet new people and give you a head start with your studies. Register early to secure a place: email **student-learning@vuw.ac.nz** or phone **04-463 5999**.

Note: We suggest you attend either Smart Start or the Study Starters session/s but not both.

STUDENT COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

These **30-minute** workshops are held in the **CyberCommons, Kirk 216, Kelburn Campus** at the following times:

- **Mon and Tue at 12.30pm**
- **Wed and Thu at 10am and 4pm**
- **Fri at 2pm**

They will introduce you to the CyberCommons and how to get yourself set up for email, internet, storing info, printing, etc. **Take your student ID or your Confirmation of Study** so you can log on properly. **Note:** there is a 34-student capacity for each workshop—they are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

STUDY STARTERS FOR FIRST YEARS

To kick start your studies we offer **45-minute** workshops in **Hunter 323, Kelburn Campus**.

Wed 24 Feb:

- **9am–9.45am** Introductory Study Skills Tips Workshop
- **11.30am–12.15pm** Introductory Essay Writing Workshop

Thu 25 Feb:

- **9am–9.45am** Introductory Essay Writing Workshop
- **11.30am–12.15pm** Introductory Study Skills Tips Workshop

Note: We suggest you attend either the Study Starters session/s or Smart Start but not both.

VITAL VIC INFO SESSION & 'STUFF' IN THE QUAD

Wed 24 Feb and Thu 25 Feb, starting 10.30am

- The 45-minute **Vital VIC Info** session will welcome you to Victoria and alert you to what you need to know about Victoria—in **Maclaurin LT 103**, Kelburn Campus.
- **'STUFF' in the QUAD** will follow with fun events, food and opportunities to interact with other students—continuing through to 1pm when the Faculty Orientation sessions will start.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ARE HAPPENING—especially in the first week of Tri 1

VUWSA Orientation Festival Version 2010 from 1 – 14 Mar

A package of music, sports and culture. This is truly the time to let your hair down and have a bit of fun with like-minded students. Expect the best bands in the land (and from further afield); Sports and Cultural Clubs week. 17-year-olds can attend most events. Salient has an Orientation Special at the start of enrolment so get a copy, or check out www.vuwsa.org.nz for more info. You should also join the VUWSA Orientation + Activities facebook group for regular updates and ticketing information. We also give a lot of good stuff away, so check out competitions around campus. See you there!

Clubs Week – Kelburn Quad 1 – 5 Mar

Victoria has over 80 clubs operating on and about campus. Joining one of these clubs is a great way to meet like minded people and to get involved in exciting activities. Take the opportunity to see which clubs best fit your interests. There is a huge variety so get active and get involved. Joining a sports club opens the door to competing at the University Games—the biggest sporting event on the VUWSA student calendar. In April 2010 Teamvic will be defending the overall shield against all comers in Invercargill (of all places). An event not to be missed. If snow is more your style, Teamvic will be sending a ski team in Aug/Sept to compete at the NZ Universities Snow Games.

For info on clubs and their events contact the VUWSA Clubs & Events Manager, on clubs@vuwsa.org.nz phone **04-463 6982** or visit www.vuwsa.org.nz/clubs

Second-hand Book Sale

Don't miss the Second-hand Book Sale in **Ramsey House, 8 Kelburn Parade**. Keep an eye out for advertising showing the dates and times—and get there early!

INFO Desks and Campus Tours

From 1–5 Mar INFO Desks will be:

- on the **Overbridge**, Kelburn Campus
- in the **Maclaurin Foyer**, Kelburn Campus
- in the **Ground Floor Foyer, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus**.

Check at an INFO Desk if you would like to take a campus tour.

Library Tours

Library tours will be offered during the first week of Trimester 1. See Library tours details on page 4 for times, etc.