

COURSE GUIDE

EDUCATION AND TEACHING



2027



WHY STUDY TEACHING AT LA TROBE



BECOMING THE KIND OF TEACHER STUDENTS REMEMBER STARTS WITH AN EDUCATION EXPERIENCE THAT'S INNOVATIVE, IMMERSIVE AND GROUNDED IN REAL CLASSROOMS. WE PREPARE FUTURE TEACHERS WITH THE CONFIDENCE, ADAPTABILITY AND DIGITAL CAPABILITY NEEDED TO THRIVE ACROSS DIVERSE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND COMMUNITIES.








Changing the face of education

At La Trobe, we're changing teacher education in Australia and beyond. We're not just leading contemporary education debates, we're taking action. We're promoting evidence-based approaches to quality teaching, we launched an award-winning program called Nexus, and we're leading the way on innovative education research. The research we do at La Trobe directly translates into better learning resources for students like you. From researchers working on how to empower students with augmented reality to improving student-teacher placements and retention, we're leading the way in teacher education. Right now, our Science of Language and Reading (SOLAR) Lab and the Science of Mathematics Education (SOME) Lab are helping schools to adopt well-established, scientific approaches to improve how they teach children to read.

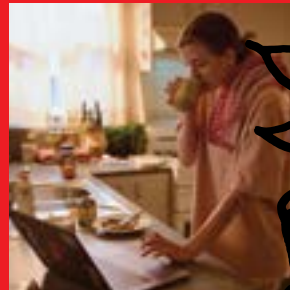
- ✳️ 90% of our teaching undergrads found full-time employment within four months of graduating.¹
- ✳️ We're ranked in the world's top 200 for education and training.²
- ✳️ Study at a uni that partners with schools, communities and governments to provide the best professional experiences, policy advice and research.
- ✳️ Be prepared to teach diverse student cohorts and design adaptive learning plans that responds to individual needs.
- ✳️ Gain experience and confidence to work in a range of contexts, including metropolitan, regional and hard-to-staff rural schools.
- ✳️ Learn through a unique, digitally-focused approach that embeds technology into your own study and teaching practice.
- ✳️ Use digital tools to support student learning and build meaningful relationships with peers, academics and education professionals.
- ✳️ Combine digital learning with extensive school-based and early childhood placements, as well as campus and place-based learning experiences, preparing you to excel in any learning environment.
- ✳️ Study teaching and education at any of our campuses, so you can study close to your community.

1. Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching (QILT), 2025, *ComparED: Teacher Education (Undergraduate)*
2. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), 2025, *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025: Education & Training*

STUDY HOW AND WHERE YOU WANT



CHOOSE THE BACKDROP FOR YOUR UNIVERSITY YEARS.
AS A TEACHING STUDENT, YOU HAVE COURSE OPTIONS
AT ALMOST EVERY LA TROBE CAMPUS.





Melbourne Campus (Bundoora)

At our main campus, you'll be surrounded by bushland while still just a tram ride or bus from the Melbourne city. As a teaching student, you'll learn in modern spaces and have opportunities to take part in placement opportunities around Melbourne and Victoria. The Melbourne Campus is home to our Science of Language and Reading (SOLAR) Lab, where we help schools adopt scientific approaches to improve how they teach children to read.



Bendigo Campus

Neighbours to the Bendigo CBD and the Greater Bendigo National Park, there's plenty to explore here at our second-largest campus. Studying outdoor education? Our Ironbark Centre for Outdoor and Sustainability Education is located here for hands-on skill building.



Albury-Wodonga Campus

Be part of a welcoming campus community where learning also happens beyond the classroom. Learn in modern, world-class facilities, gain hands-on experience through local mentoring, industry and research programs, and discover how to make a real difference in your community.



Mildura Campus

Situated on the Murray River, this welcoming campus has close ties to the community. Take part in local placements with promising employment outcomes.



Shepparton Campus


This campus is a diverse and multicultural learning community, drawing students from the region and beyond. With upgraded learning spaces you can study in modern, community-focused facilities.

Online

There's no campus closer than your own home – or more tailored to how you prefer to study. Some of our courses are offered fully online. Online students benefit from enhanced online support services, local placement opportunities and industry network connections.



THE FUTURE OF WORK STARTS HERE



THE BEST PLACE TO BUILD FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE? A REAL CLASSROOM. AT LA TROBE, YOU'LL GO ON PLACEMENTS IN METRO, REGIONAL AND RURAL SCHOOLS. IN THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION, YOU'LL SPEND AT LEAST 80 DAYS IN SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION CENTRES, AND YOU'LL BE SUPPORTED WHILE YOU'RE ON PLACEMENT, WITH OUR STAFF HERE TO GUIDE YOU.



Nexus teaching program

Our award-winning and employment-based pathway into teaching. Benefit from mentoring, scholarships, study leave and government support options.



Career ready advantage

Sector-leading employability programs and projects to develop skills employers want.



Industry placements

Experience professional placements in real schools or early learning centres around Victoria that tests your knowledge in a real-world environment.



Learning with industry

Mentoring, networking, specialist career consultations, workshops, leadership programs and more.



Career ready online and career hub

100+ e-learning programs, resume and cover letter feedback, interview practice, job opportunities and more.



The future is happening with AI adoption continuing at a rapid pace. In partnership with industry giants like Microsoft, OpenAI, Optus, CyberCX and more, La Trobe has a bold new ambition: transform research, education, student support and business operations by applying an AI-first approach. This nation-leading project will deliver an AI-ready workforce of graduates and academics, built on key principles of safety and responsibility. By meeting the future head on with an AI-first approach, embedding AI across our course curriculum, teaching and research, you'll get a high-quality and future-fitted education.

- **AI-focused curriculum**
 We're embedding AI across our curriculum, ensuring our teachers and students are equipped with the AI skills needed for the future workplace.
- **AI upskilling**
 We're launching bespoke AI training for students, teachers and staff to foster AI fluency, responsible adoption and ethical use across the uni.
- **OpenAI for all**
 We're the first university in Victoria to sign a deal with OpenAI, ensuring all students will have access to ChatGPT Edu in 2027.
- **Powered NVIDIA**
 We're the first uni in Australia to deploy a NVIDIA DGX H200, pushing the boundaries of AI-driven research.



FEATURE COURSE

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ©

OVERVIEW	Become a teacher that makes an impact from your first day. With our Bachelor of Education, you'll major in early childhood and primary, primary or secondary education. You'll build skills in digital learning, literacy and numeracy, classroom management, student development and more when you learn from experts, go on immersive placements in schools and benefit from our leading education research.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL. Units 1 & 2: satisfactory completion in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Units 3 & 4: any Mathematics.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Early childhood and primary, Primary, Secondary
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary school teacher - Secondary school teacher - Early childhood educator

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ATAR	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
ASPIRE ATAR¹	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00

1. The minimum Aspire ATAR for the Bachelor of Education is 55; however in addition the Victorian Government requires students to meet a minimum Selection Rank of 70 through eligible adjustment factors like SEAS.

EXTRA REQUIREMENTS
Prospective students need to complete the Casper or AFTA test to be considered for selection.



"My first year out of uni has been so wonderful! Experiencing teaching in 'real life' situations through placements was extremely beneficial as it put the theory into practice, and I was able to experience the reality of becoming an educator."

Laura
Bachelor of Education



BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ONL

OVERVIEW	If you're an early childhood educator, La Trobe's Bachelor of Early Childhood Education allows you to upgrade your qualification. Enjoy flexible learning that's designed to fit around your work and personal commitments. The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education is delivered entirely online, using virtual classrooms and meeting spaces; video and webinars; online learning modules and mobile learning apps. Build your skills and experience through supervised work-based learning (WBL) placements. You can also nominate to complete the WBL component in your place of employment, subject to the centre meeting the supervision requirements.
PREREQUISITES	Direct application only – see website for details.
INTAKE	Term 2 & 4
DURATION	2.5 years, or 2 years accelerated
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Early learning centres – Kindergartens – Preschools – Early intervention programs

ATAR	NA
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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (NEXUS)

ONL

OVERVIEW	You'll learn how to manage classrooms, design class plans and guide students by spending at least 80 days in schools and education centres across metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria. This government-funded program is specifically designed to address teacher shortages in regional, rural, and hard-to-staff schools. With flexible, accessible training and support through dedicated university mentors, you'll make an immediate impact in the classroom. Successful applicants may be eligible for scholarships to support them while they study.
PREREQUISITES	Students can only enter the Bachelor of Education (Nexus) after completing the Diploma of Teacher Education (Nexus), completing 120 credit points of study with minimum course weighted average mark (WAM) of 60.
INTAKE	Semester 1
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Secondary
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Secondary schools – Community organisations – Non-traditional learning environments

ATAR	NA
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EXTRA REQUIREMENTS
Prospective students need to complete the Casper or AFTA test to be considered for selection.

BACHELOR OF OUTDOOR AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION [©] ^①

BEN

OVERVIEW	La Trobe's Bachelor of Outdoor and Sustainability Education takes you beyond the classroom. Enjoy and learn from opportunities that build outdoor skills and knowledge in natural environments. You'll spend around 70 days on field trips and extended outdoor journeys while building your understanding of research on climate change and experiential learning. From bushwalking to kayaking, you'll prepare to lead groups in the outdoors and develop professional skills in outdoor learning. Explore the social, cultural and scientific aspects of sustainability, including Indigenous understandings, and learn how to develop outdoor and environmental education programs. You'll develop specialist skills in sustainability, leadership, teaching and safety management. Whether you want to guide, lead or educate in the outdoors, we'll help you prepare.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1
DURATION	3 years
MAJORS	Climate change, Outdoor education
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Outdoor adventure guide – Park ranger – Natural resource manager – Community environmental educator

ATAR	57.10
ASPIRE ATAR	50.00

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

ONL

OVERVIEW	La Trobe's Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education allows early childhood educators to upgrade to an Early Childhood Teacher qualification. This course is designed to fit with your working life – it's delivered online with no on-campus attendance required, so you can combine your work in early childhood with flexible studies. The online curriculum makes use of the latest technology to give you the complete experience. It includes virtual classrooms and meeting spaces, video and webinars, online learning modules and mobile learning apps.
PREREQUISITES	Direct application only for students who have completed a TAFE Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. Applicants must have a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or equivalent qualification. It is expected that applicants will be working in the field of early learning. If this is not the case, students may be required to seek additional employment opportunities.
INTAKE	Term 2 & 4
DURATION	2 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Early learning centres – Kindergartens – Preschools – Early intervention programs

ATAR	NA
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PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF TEACHER EDUCATION ^①

OVERVIEW	If you're looking for a rewarding career in education, La Trobe's Associate Degree of Teacher Education is a perfect pathway to an accredited teaching degree. You'll also receive advanced standing for up to two years of full-time study if you decide to continue into the Bachelor of Education.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	MEL BEN A-W Semester 1 & 2 MIL SHP Semester 2
DURATION	2 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training consultant - Education aide - Community educator

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ATAR	55.10	NP	NP	66.45	NP

DIPLOMA OF TEACHER EDUCATION ^{② ①}

OVERVIEW	La Trobe's Diploma of Teacher Education is the perfect opportunity to take your first step toward completing a Bachelor's degree in education. When you successfully complete the Diploma of Teacher Education, you could progress to a Bachelor of Education (Primary), Bachelor of Education (Secondary) or Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary). You may also receive advanced standing for up to one year of full-time study.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	1 year
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training consultant - Education aide - Community educator

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ATAR	40.15	42.10	NP	NP	NP

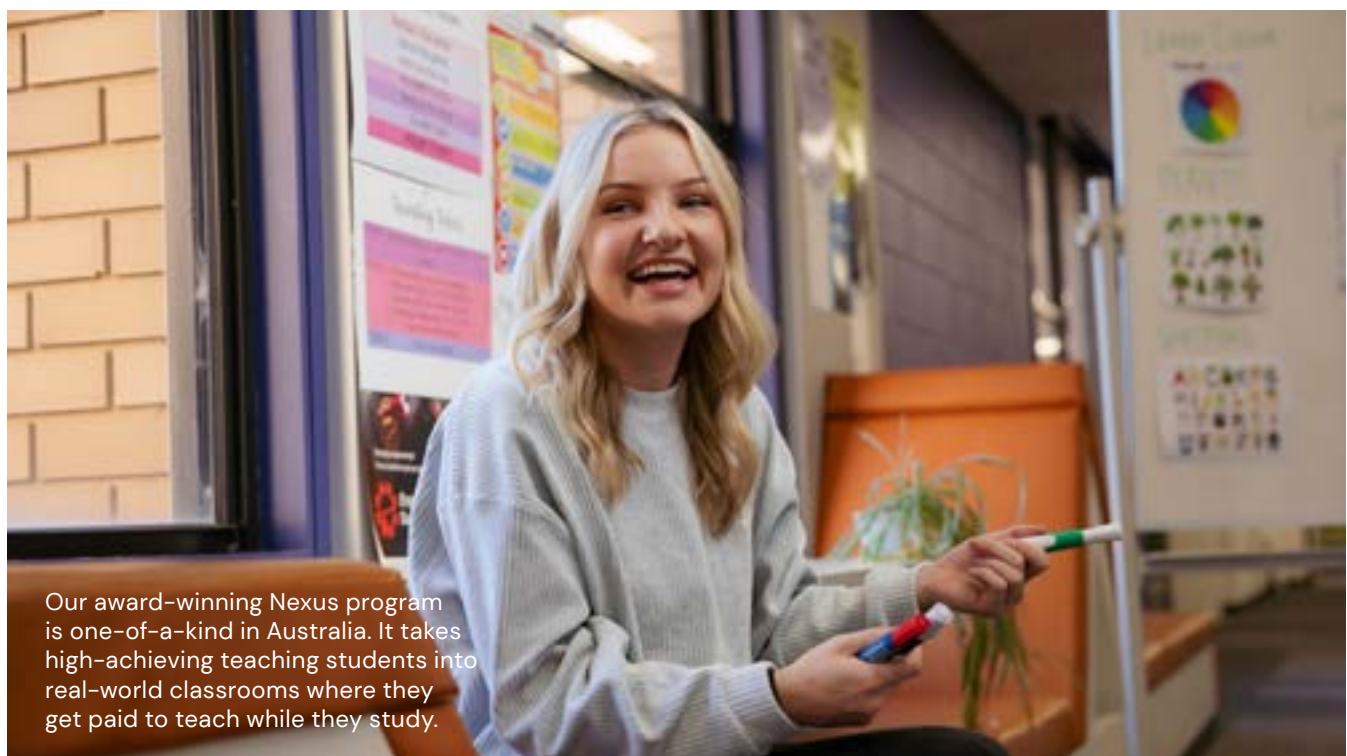
DIPLOMA OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NEXUS)

OVERVIEW	If you have experience as an Education Support Officer or Koorie Education Support Officer, La Trobe's Diploma of Teacher Education (Nexus) is the perfect opportunity to take your first step toward completing a Bachelor's degree in education. When you successfully complete the Diploma of Teacher Education (Nexus), you could progress to the Bachelor of Education (Secondary). You'll also receive advanced standing for up to one year of full-time study. You'll develop solid foundations in digital learning, literacy, numeracy and learning contexts – skills that will serve you throughout your educational journey and future career. Immerse yourself in the full university experience, studying alongside Bachelor students in the same subjects. Successful applicants may be eligible for scholarships to support them while they study.
PREREQUISITES	Applicants may satisfy the academic requirements by completing the STAT. Applicants must have experience as an Education Support Officer or Koorie Education Support Officer. They must provide evidence of a minimum of two years' full-time (or equivalent part-time) work in the industry. They must also provide a principal's endorsement and a personal social justice commitment statement in support of their application.
INTAKE	Semester 1
DURATION	1 year
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training consultant - Community educator

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ATAR	NA

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Our award-winning Nexus program is one-of-a-kind in Australia. It takes high-achieving teaching students into real-world classrooms where they get paid to teach while they study.



SECURE YOUR SPOT ACROSS TWO COURSES

AT LA TROBE, WE'VE BUNDLED SOME OF OUR MOST POPULAR COURSES INTO PACKAGED OFFERS. ONCE YOU'VE RECEIVED AN OFFER INTO YOUR PREFERRED PACKAGE, A PLACE IN YOUR DREAM DEGREE IS LOCKED IN.

Undergraduate packaged offers

Start with a Diploma or Associate degree, then transition into the second or third year of your Bachelor's course.

Diploma of Teacher Education	> Bachelor of Education
Associate Degree in Teacher Education	> Bachelor of Education

Postgraduate packaged offers

Secure a pathway from a Bachelor's degree into postgraduate study, such as a Master's degree.

Bachelor of Arts	> Master of Teaching (Primary)
	> Master of Teaching (Secondary)
Bachelor of Outdoor and Sustainability Education	> Master of Teaching (Primary)
	> Master of Teaching (Secondary)
Bachelor of Science	> Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Admission into the postgraduate component of the package offer is conditional on meeting the minimum selection and admission criteria for the postgraduate award. Admission into the Bachelor's component of the packaged offer is conditional on passing all Diploma subjects. See website for campus availability and full terms and conditions.

WAYS INTO YOUR DEGREE



Pathways

If you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, or you aren't ready to start a degree right away, a great option is to start a pathway course then transfer later, provided you meet the entry requirements.

Some of our pathway options¹ include:

- Studying a different Bachelor's degree with lower entry requirements then transferring.
- Studying a two-year Associate degree with lower entry requirements then transferring.
- Studying a one-year Diploma then using that credit to transfer into an eligible Bachelor's degree.
- Completing a Certificate or Diploma at TAFE or VET then transferring.
- Studying a Diploma or Certificate at La Trobe College and gaining second year entry into a Bachelor's degree without an ATAR.
- Studying a course package to secure a spot and gaining advanced standing into a Bachelor degree.

Entry programs and adjustments

Boost your application to La Trobe with programs and adjustments that can change your score or offer an alternative entry score.

- Achieve Plus, higher education studies
- Aspire Early Offer Program
- Elite Athlete ATAR adjustment
- Regional Benefits Program
- VTAC Access and Equity Adjustment (SEAS)

Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)

Not a Year 12 student or don't have an ATAR? Our TPP unlocks access to our courses while helping you build skills for success at university. The TPP is a free, online course that fits around your commitments.

Undergraduate certificates

Kick off your uni study with our new undergraduate certificates in areas like IT and health – no ATAR required.



¹ Eligibility for transfer will depend on successful completion of certain subjects, consult a course advisor for more information on your options. Credit transfer subject to conditions.

ASPIRE EARLY OFFER PROGRAM



With Aspire, you'll have the opportunity to get an early conditional offer for a wide range of our courses² across our campuses before finishing Year 12. We have three streams to choose from, so if you've given back to your community, done well in Year 11, or have a strong drive to make a future impact, you could secure a spot in your dream course before finishing Year 12. Applications open 1 April 2026 and close 4 September 2026.

You'll also gain access to study support like ATARNotes+ as well as access to apply for exclusive scholarships and more.

* Community Impact

Aspire Community Impact rewards Year 12 students for their volunteering or community contribution with an Aspire ATAR.

* Academic Impact

Aspire Academic Impact enables Year 12 students to leverage their Year 11 results to secure an early conditional offer into a range of undergraduate courses – no ATAR required.

* Everyday Impact

Aspire Everyday Impact gives Year 12 students with the drive to make an impact a direct pathway into undergraduate studies – no ATAR required.



2. Some courses in the Aspire program are capped and remain competitive.

APPLYING TO STUDY AT LA TROBE



How to apply

Find your course: Browse by discipline at latrobe.edu.au/study or search by ATAR.

🔍 [La Trobe courses](#)

Use the ATAR calculator: If you're applying as a Year 12 student, use your real or estimated ATAR score to find courses that match your interest.

🔍 [La Trobe ATAR calculator](#)

Explore entry options: Use our ATAR adjustment calculator to estimate any boosts to your ATAR or explore entry and pathway options.

🔍 [Pathways & entry La Trobe](#)

Prepare to apply: Visit our Year 12 Hub to guide you through all the steps for making the right study choices.

🔍 [Choose La Trobe](#)

Your guide to preferences

Want to know how to submit your preferences? Prepare ahead with our guide to submitting your preferences.

🔍 [La Trobe VTAC applications](#)

Not in Year 12?

For most of our courses, you can apply directly to La Trobe online. For select undergraduate courses, or if you're applying for multiple courses, you'll apply via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) or the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

Scholarships

We offer a range of scholarships that reward your academic, sporting or leadership achievements, or provide support to students experiencing financial difficulties, personal hardships or who come from underrepresented backgrounds.

The information on this page is meant for domestic students only. You are considered a domestic student if you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident, or permanent humanitarian visa holder. Information on how to apply as an international student can be found online at latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/international. VTAC typically opens for applications in August of each year.



Our team of passionate thought leaders are committed to driving positive change and we invite you to join us in making a difference. Our innovative and dynamic approach to education sets us apart as a leading institution. We're proud to be trailblazers in teacher education and are dedicated to preparing future educators who are committed to helping students of all ages reach their full potential. We believe that building a future teaching profession is a shared responsibility. That's why we're committed to working with our community of students, alumni, education professionals, and community groups to make a meaningful impact in education. We're here to enrich the knowledge and skills of future teachers through evidence-informed approaches that positively impact learner outcomes. Our commitment to the science of learning, impactful pedagogies, and social justice and diversity guides our efforts to bring the essential knowledge needed for teachers to facilitate young people's learning. At the School of Education, we believe that without education, there is no future. We're committed to the public good and strive to fulfill this mandate in all that we do, both locally and globally. Thank you for considering the School of Education as your partner in making a positive difference in the world of education.

Professor Joanna Barbousas
 Dean, La Trobe School of Education

JOIN US AT OPEN DAY 2026

Explore your study options, chat with current students and teachers, tour our campuses, and discover what it's really like to study at La Trobe.

Melbourne (Bundoora)

Sunday 2 August

Shepparton

Sunday 9 August

Mildura

Wednesday 12 August

Albury-Wodonga

Sunday 16 August

Bendigo

Sunday 23 August

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

La Trobe University acknowledges our campuses are located on the lands of many Traditional Custodians in Victoria and New South Wales.

We recognise their ongoing connection to the land and value their unique contribution to the University and wider Australian society.

La Trobe University is committed to providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, both as individuals and communities, through teaching, learning, research and partnerships across all our campuses.

Wurundjeri

Melbourne (Bundoora & City)

Dja Dja Wurrung

Bendigo

Yorta Yorta

Shepparton

Dhudhuroa/Waywurru

Albury-Wodonga

Latji Latji

Mildura

Gadigal

Sydney