

Dear New Law Students in 2009,

Welcome to the Victoria University Law School. On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a fulfilling and stimulating time studying law at VU.

Law is an exciting and dynamic area of study, with something for everyone. We offer commercial law subjects like Company law, Tax, and Contract, and socio-legal subjects, which combine the study of law within other contexts, such as Planning and Environment law, and Employment law.

The VU Law School operates from state of the art offices in Queen Street in the heart of Melbourne's legal and business district, and at Footscray Park. Our multi campus dimension means that you can have access to excellent training and workplace learning opportunities, such as the Magistrates courts. We also look to provide our students with practical legal skills training to equip you for the workplace, whether within the legal profession or in other professional settings.

We recognise, as the Australian Law reform Commission has found, that about 50% of you will practice law, and 50% go into other career pathways. Law provides you with an excellent set of foundation and lifelong skills to build on, whatever your career plan involves. If you go into law, the four general pathways are working in:

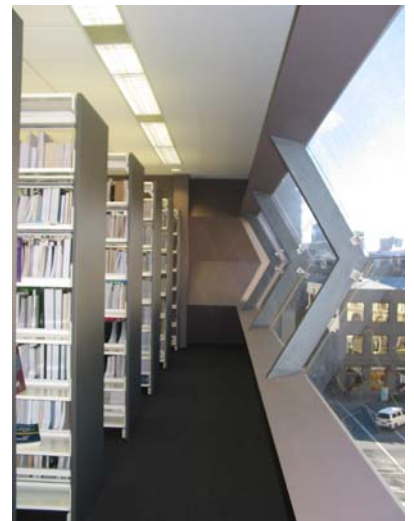
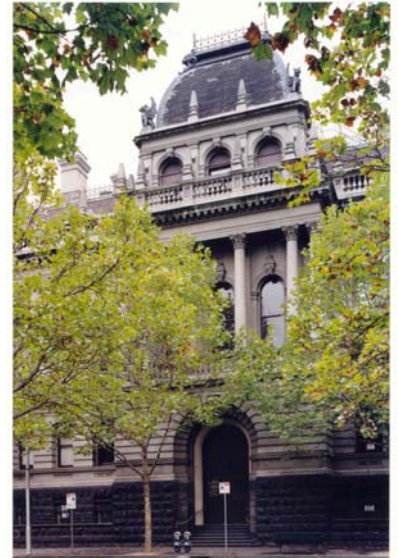
- Legal practice in a law firm ie private legal practice
- A government department or agency, such as Treasury or Foreign Affairs at a federal level; or in state government eg education and policy, or at a local government level, eg town planning.
- Community legal centres supporting legal access in particular geographic locations; and
- In-house work at for profit or not for profit businesses.

Law is also an excellent degree to combine with other degrees, including Science, Business, Arts and Management, to name just a few. Together with the VU Law Students Society, we will hold career planning sessions in 2009 focusing on vital skills such as interviews, CV writing, covering letters, and so on.

So the class of 2009, we welcome to the University and the Victoria Law School, and hope your time with us opens new worlds of learning and friendship.

Best wishes,

Professor Andrew Clarke
Head of School



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