Meet Brontë Spiteri: Brontë is studying a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne with a double major in French and International Studies and Politics, http://ba.unimelb.edu.au/

Senior School Subjects

- **Year 11** – English Language, French, Youth Ministry, Mathematical Methods Units 3 + 4, Legal Studies Units 3 + 4, Chemistry.

- **Year 12** - English Language, French, Sociology, Australian Politics, History Revolutions.

**What is your course like?** I love my course. I am doing a double major in Politics & International Studies and French. I think the two go together perfectly and will really benefit each other. I love the Melbourne Model, as doing a broader undergraduate degree allows me to study the areas I enjoy whilst keeping lots of doors open for me.

I absolutely love studying French at university. I find the classes enjoyable, interesting and so much more than just about the language. It's about the culture and history of French speaking countries as well.

I love traveling and learning about new cultures and the relationships between different nations, so international studies is something I find really interesting. Studying French only benefits that part of my degree. The course also has a lot of opportunities for exchange to a number of different universities and for short courses in the summer and winter breaks overseas.

The other great thing about the Melbourne Model is that over your degree you have to do a couple of 'breadth' subjects, which means subjects from another course. This has suited me perfectly, as I have been able to do a commerce and a genetics subject whilst studying predominantly humanities. It has been really good to still get a bit of a variety in the subjects I do.

How did the subjects at school prepare you for your course? There is no doubt that Australian Politics, History Revolutions, Sociology and Legal Studies have helped when studying my current subjects. They gave me a really good basis for a lot of the subjects in my major. We learn about those things from high school in a lot more depth, and go even further (as you'd imagine). French was useful because it meant I could go into a higher level/stream at university.

But that doesn't mean that you can't study a language without studying it at high school. They have three entry levels for different standards of French. I'm really glad I did French at school because it is where I started to love the language and decided I wanted to keep learning and speak fluently.

**Examples of other courses:**

You can study French at the following Victorian universities:

- **La Trobe University**, http://bit.ly/1OZb0Y5
- **Monash University**, http://bit.ly/1RuJpx8

Meet Kade Glass: Kade is undertaking an apprenticeship in Heavy Diesel Mechanics at CMV Trucks and Bus.

Senior School Subjects


- **Year 12**: English, VET Music Industry, Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology
What do you enjoy about your apprenticeship?
Being that I have a good mixture of technical skills with computers and mechanical skills I thought Volvo would be the perfect thing for me when I learnt about all the electronics and computer controls used in Volvo trucks.

Do you have any advice for students considering applying for an apprenticeship in this industry?
Commitment, always be keen to do the expected small and non-enjoyable jobs; people in the industry will notice and will start giving you bigger and more technical jobs. Don't say you know how to do something. During my interview with the Technical Manager for all of CMV Trucks & Bus, I was asked if I would know how to service one of the trucks he pointed to sitting out on display, a Volvo FH. I responded with "I'd probably have a fair idea", with a hint of doubt in my voice, thinking I was putting on a good display but was met with the response, "I don't want you have any idea, I want you to be able to learn how to do the job correctly".

Information on Heavy Vehicle Mechanics as an occupation - [http://bit.ly/1OZbVbe](http://bit.ly/1OZbVbe)

Interested in getting an apprenticeship in the future? The following are fantastic resources for you to explore:

- **My Gain:** is a video series showcasing a variety of occupations and also what is involved in getting an apprenticeship or traineeship - [http://bit.ly/1NC2fUS](http://bit.ly/1NC2fUS)

- **Australian Apprenticeships Ambassadors:** is a website which features over 160 apprentice ambassadors, including former AFL Coach and plumber Kevin Sheedy and Chef Neil Perry, [http://bit.ly/1ja1FOz](http://bit.ly/1ja1FOz)

- **SkillsOne:** This website features hundreds of videos about trades and occupations and how to obtain an apprenticeship, [www.skillsone.com.au](http://www.skillsone.com.au)

- **Are you ready for an apprenticeship?** To get an idea of the literacy and numeracy skills required for the occupation you are interested in, it’s a great idea to undertake aptitude tests. The Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has aptitude tests for over 18 skill areas. You can download the tests here- [www.aapathways.com.au/Home](http://www.aapathways.com.au/Home)

Interested in carpentry? How about bricklaying instead? There are many reasons to consider a career in bricklaying, such as:

- The cost benefits
- Smaller financial layout to start your own business
- Shorter timeframe to become qualified
- Different employment conditions (e.g., more outdoors)
- More job opportunities

To find out more about a career in brick and blocklaying and to apply for an apprenticeship, go to [www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/](http://www.becomeabricklayer.com.au/)

Defence Force Trades: Do you know you can undertake technical trade apprenticeships in the Army, Navy and Air Force? To explore your options, go to


Are you looking for an automotive apprenticeship? Vantage Automotive has 75 vacancies across Victoria. For information on these apprenticeships and how to apply for them, go to [http://bit.ly/1MLU82s](http://bit.ly/1MLU82s)

Media Bootcamp: Interested in journalism, public relations, media, communication etc.? Sugoi Media are running a digital ‘Media Bootcamp’. The course will run for 2 hours per week for 6 weeks and you can complete it from home online. For dates and costs, go to [http://bit.ly/1R86XYE](http://bit.ly/1R86XYE)

How about working with glass? A glazier installs or replaces glass in both commercial and domestic environments such as skyscrapers, homes, shopping centers, sporting facilities, schools etc. Glass processors work in the manufacturing of glass products such as table tops, splash backs, shower screens and windows. Glass blowers work with heated glass to make artistic products such as vases and bowls. For more information, go to [www.careersinglass.com.au](http://www.careersinglass.com.au)
Interested in running your own business? The Enterprise Network for Young Australian’s runs a free advice service for young people starting a new enterprise. They can help you start a business and grow it, and link you to crucial support services. They also provide funding support through their FundIt! initiative. For information, go to www.enya.org.au/

Getting Down to Business: If you are at least 16 years old and are a Victorian student with a business idea, you should check out the Getting Down to Business initiative. 40 students completed the program this year, and entries will open in December for the 2016 program. You can view the website and complete the expression of interest form at http://bit.ly/1MO5djM

How to get a job in the 21st Century: Rebecca Fraser in an Australian author. She has developed a book for young people designed to assist them to understand the current and future employment market and give them tips on how to secure employment. For more information and to order the book, go to http://bit.ly/1EPwchd

Australian Youth Humanities Forum: Are you passionate about humanities? Have you considered studying humanities at university in the future, but aren't sure what careers you can pursue once you graduate? If you are in Year 11 or 12 you should consider attending the Australian Youth Humanities Forum at the University of Melbourne on 20 and 21 January 2016. Over two days, you will be able to attend lectures, career presentations, small-group discussions and mentoring sessions. Residential and travel scholarships are available for rural students. For information and to apply by 20 November, go to http://bit.ly/1LwouZ5

United World Colleges (UWC): If you are currently in Years 10 or 11 and would like to complete your education at one of the 12 United World Colleges around the world, please go to their website at www.uwc.org.au for information about locations and costs. Applications are now open! An information session will be held Sunday 8 November at Kathleen Syme Library, Carlton. To book your place, contact Mairi Stewart, mairi@uwc.org.au 0431 822 960.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Law scholarships – now open! The Thomas More Academy of Law Excellence Scholarship reflects ACU’s commitment to excellence in the undergraduate law program. Two scholarships worth $20 000 each are available. For details on eligibility and how to apply, go to www.acu.edu.au/449816

Applying for special consideration and equity scholarships through UAC: If you are in Year 12 and have applied for NSW and Canberra university courses via UAC, you can still apply for the Educational Access Scheme and Equity Scholarships. Please go to www.uac.edu.au to find out more.

Applying for special consideration via VTAC: The SEAS application has closed, but don’t stress if you didn’t get your application in. If something occurs that has a significant impact on your exams over the next few weeks, you can still apply for special consideration via the online ‘Personal Form’ via VTAC. Victorian universities will take what you write into consideration during the selection process. For more information, go to www.vtac.edu.au

New brand campaign at the University of Melbourne: The University’s Collision campaign tells stories of collaboration that have led to significant research achievements. Stories highlighted include:

• Accountants working with botanists to measure the carbon dioxide Melbourne’s botanic gardens absorb and its impact on city planning for climate change
• Water conservation in the Goulburn Valley being applied in China; and
• Researchers from the fields of genomics and cancer treatment teaming up in the fight against melanoma.

To read about how study areas ‘collide’ at the University and to view the Collision video, go to http://collision.unimelb.edu.au/
Are you interested in filmmaking, screenwriting and art? *In the Making* is an ongoing series of short films that follow alumni of the Victorian College of the Arts as they explore their creative world in the arts. This artist series provides insight into different career pathways and opportunities available to students. To view the videos, go to [http://inthemaking.com.au/](http://inthemaking.com.au/)

**New Bachelor of Criminology program at La Trobe University:** This new degree will prepare students for careers in criminal justice and associated fields such as policing, corrections, juvenile justice, crime prevention and advocacy, intelligence, forensics and customs. Students will cover topics such as sentencing and corrections, policing, victimization, policy development, and will complete core subjects in Forensic Psychology and Forensic Science in the Law. Students are also offered work placement as part of the degree. To find out more, contact La Trobe at 1300 135 045.

**What makes Victoria University (VU) unique?** Find out in a series of nine new videos that highlight VU as being leaders in sport, industry connected and flexible, [http://bit.ly/1S5ElQN](http://bit.ly/1S5ElQN)

**Bachelor of International Development Studies at Australian Catholic University:** Help reduce poverty with a degree specialising in global health, human rights, global change, development and sustainability. International opportunities abound – think United Nations, diplomacy, companies with a global outreach, international relations, journalism and tourism. A key feature of this course is the third year immersion experience (community-based learning), which will expose you to the everyday life of a community in a developing country. Commencing in mid-April 2015, ACU students set out on their immersion experience. Read about their adventures here - [www.acu.edu.au/746561](http://www.acu.edu.au/746561)

**Do you need a White Card?** If you would like to undertake work experience or work in the construction industry, you will need to complete occupational health and safety induction training. To prepare for this, you can undertake the ‘White Card Game’. Through an online first person perspective, the goal of the game is to identify, control and report workplace hazards on a construction site without getting injured or causing the death of workmates. Go to [www.whitecardgame.com.au/](http://www.whitecardgame.com.au/)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- 25 – 27: ConocoPhillips Science Experience, University of Melbourne, Dookie Campus, focused on agricultural science, [http://bit.ly/1LQHW0L](http://bit.ly/1LQHW0L)

**DECEMBER EVENTS**


**JANUARY EVENTS**