

University Programs

Bachelor of Law degrees in Victoria are currently offered by: La Trobe University, Victoria University, Deakin University and Monash University. Melbourne University no longer offers a Bachelor of Laws. Instead, they have introduced the Juris Doctor program, which can only be undertaken once a generalist undergraduate degree is completed first. Each of the universities has an Indigenous support unit on campus: Melbourne University - Centre for Indigenous Education Monash University - Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies La Trobe University - Ngarn Gi Bagora Centre Deakin University - Institute for Koorie Education Victoria University - Moondani Balluk Centre

ILSLAV-Tarwirri runs the following support programs for members at university: Legal Skills and Information Program

This Program is designed in accordance with ILSLAV-Tarwirri's Program Policy Statement and therefore it is part of a larger set of initiatives and programs. The Program provides Indigenous law students with a kick start to their university legal education leading to academic excellence, professional development, and the empowerment of such individuals.

Victorian Bar Mentoring Program

The program is run by the Victorian Bar and is available to Indigenous law students in Victoria. It links students with practising barristers to encourage undergraduates to practise law upon graduation and consider a career as a barrister. Seasonal Clerkships

Seasonal clerkships are an important step towards attaining a practicing certificate as a lawyer. While it is not a prerequisite for a traineeship (formerly articulated clerkship), it can influence a student's decision to pursue a legal career. It can also provide an insight into whether the student decides to practice law in the public or private sector. Many law firms now select their trainees from their pool of seasonal clerks. ILSLAV-Tarwirri has worked with a number of Melbourne's top law firms to secure identified seasonal clerkship positions. Traineeships Assistance

Securing a traineeship (formerly an articulated clerkship) is vital if graduating students are to practice as lawyers. Tarwirri seeks to ensure that students have every opportunity to complete a traineeship with an established firm or organisation and pursue a career as a lawyer. The traineeship will be the springboard for the students' legal career. It is hoped that the program will not only benefit participants, but also the wider community by providing positive role models and leaders. Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

Universities are able to give you information about the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme. ILSLAV-Tarwirri do have the contact details for a number of suitable law tutors, and are happy to help identify the most appropriate tutor for the student's needs. However, the ITAS paperwork and payment schedule is administered by the university Indigenous support centres.