

## Transcript

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THAO DAO: This is Swinburne campus. I have my classes here, here and here. I'm Thao Dao, or you can call me Tracey. I'm from Vietnam and I'm currently doing a Bachelor of Computer Science, the Professional Degree. A Professional Degree is an extended version of the standard bachelor degree with an additional year for placement.

Swinburne supports students looking for real industry experience by guaranteeing them with placements or internships or industry linked projects. To me, real industry experience is very important because it helps me to test my work capacity and it will help me to find a job when I graduate. What I like about Swinburne is the support from the lecturers and the tutors. There's also a lot of collaboration between students in my course. It's not just my computer science skills that have been improved but also my communication skills.

I chose computer science because it's a creative field and I've been enjoying doing maths and logical problem-solving since I was small. I arrived in Australia as an international high school student. I graduated from VCE with an ATAR of 97.8. It made me the top 2.2 per cent of high achievers in Australia and Swinburne offered me two scholarships I accepted the International Excellence Undergraduate Scholarship. The scholarship's helped me financially so that I can focus more on my studies.

My career goal would be working in the industry that I love. My short-term goal this year is just to be happy. Be open-minded and explore new places. Swinburne is a next gen uni because it helps students reach their career goals through authentic workplace experience.

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