**Video transcript: La Trobe University’s Industry Integrated Bachelor of Information Technology**

**Daniel Kerr – Graduate/IT Professional, La Trobe University**

How would you rate an IT course that lets you to work for a professional organisation and study at the same time? At La Trobe we give our IT students that opportunity. You’ll also have a chance at a full-time wage working with industry partners while you’re studying for your degree.

**David Joss, CEO Community Telco Australia**

The cadetship’s a fantastic thing for students on a couple of levels. Firstly, you’ve got a job while you’re studying, so you’re getting paid. But the other side of it is, I know when I do recruiting, you know, if I get graduates in front of me I always look for the ones who are work ready. They’ll be a step ahead of those who haven’t had that experience.

**Andrew Watts, Executive, Change, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank**

We’ve got a large number of people who’ve actually grown up and participated in the IBL program and they become valuable long term employees for our company. So when I look at some of the people who are enrolling in the courses today, they are potentially the stars of the future in our business.

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La Trobe has developed its industry integrated degrees because it is important to blend work place and university learning. You need work place learning to know how to use IT and to understand the impact of change.

University learning gives you the theory and understanding of key knowledge areas in Information Technology. First you get the fundamentals and then you move on to five key knowledge areas.

Human computer interaction, Programming, Computer networking, Database systems and Web systems. Finally, you address issues in Professionalism and information assurance and security.

We provide industry experience in each area of your degree and there are three course options.

First and second year placements, scholarships with Industry Based Learning in the third year and cadetships which involves all years.

**Daniel Fitzpatrick, Industry Based Learning Student, Change Resources**

Me personally, yeah, it definitely opened up my eyes to what it’s like to work in the workplace, and how my skills relate and how relevant they are.

**Luke Garton, Student IT Support**

You learn these great skills and you also get paid while doing it which is really great.

**Ash Waugh, Industry Based Learning Student Information Management**

Yeah and you don’t get taxed on it .. so ..

**Elizabeth Shelton, Graduate IT Professional, Project Lead, Information Management**

It’s really what you make of it. That there can be students that come in here with the motivation to try anything and they’re always the ones who get the most out of it and get the most opportunities. They almost, always find a really good job.

**Sahil Berma, Industry Based Learning Student, IT databases**

The industrial based contacts expands your contact circle. As your contact circle expands so it’s good for references as well.

**Daniel Kerr – Graduate/IT Professional, La Trobe University**

One of the great things about the courses here was the flexibility, I got to do subjects that suit me. Also the student life is fantastic you meet great friends. If you are into activities you get to do things that interest you. There’s great student services so if you are ever in need of financial or academic support they’re always there for you. With this degree you get a university course that teaches you to think outside the square and gives you a head start in the real world. You get paid, you get to learn and you get to work. So come along and study IT at La Trobe.