Hi guys, so I’m just mid-semestering away up here in Mount Buffalo, which is in the Alpine Region of Eastern Victoria.

It’s mid-semester break, and unlike high school where you have four school terms and a two week break in between each, when you come to University, you have a big month off between two main semesters.

And so how you use that’s up to yourself, I usually use it to explore Victoria a little bit, go to different places.

And I thought that because we’re in a National Park today, it’d be a good opportunity to talk about just some of those things that you do learn in first year science at La Trobe. So we’ll go off for a bit of a walk, and see what we can find.

So one of the first subjects you’ll learn in science at La Trobe is geology, which is the study of rocks and the way that the Earth changes over millions of years according to various different processes.

And in this area here where we are in Eastern Victoria, the Alps, some of these processes occurred more than 600 million years ago to form the region that is known today.

And in this particular area here at Mt. Buffalo, this area began as a huge molten bubble of rock under the Earth, which once come to the surface cooled slowly to form granite.

So you find all of these beautiful different processes, which you can look at and investigate after you’ve studied these sorts of things at Uni.

Hi guys, so it’s a bit louder here, but we’re just very near to one of the major waterfalls at Mt. Buffalo.

So we’re about 1000 metres above sea level, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to talk about one of the other subjects you can study at La Trobe if you’re studying science.

And so this subject is botany, also known as plant science, which involves the study of plants and how plants interact with their environment.

And if you study this subject at La Trobe you get to go on some incredible field trips, where you get to study the diverse Australian flora, like that which is around us here today on Mt. Buffalo.

So hopefully that’s been a bit of a glimpse for you on some of the subjects that you can study in the life sciences at La Trobe University.

Make sure though that when you do get that

mid-semester break if you do come to Uni that you use it wisely, get yourself well-rested, so that you can be ready for the next semester, and good luck.