



## Careers in Cyber Crimes and Forensic Accounting 19 May 2009



The Careers in Cyber Crimes and Forensic Accounting Industry Insight was developed by the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) in partnership with industry, government and educational institutes. The program aimed to raise the awareness for schools of the industry sector and related career pathways; connect industry and young people; and encourage young people to consider careers in the industry. It was identified that young people had limited knowledge and a high interest in the areas of cyber crime investigation and forensic accounting.

This program developed in partnership with:

- Victoria Police
- BDO Kendalls
- Monash University

The program commenced with a visit to the Victoria Police E-Crimes branch where students met three experts in the field of cyber crime investigation. Victoria Police representatives spoke about their roles within the E-Crimes department, what their job entailed and a typical day. The students learnt about the pathways available for both sworn officers and civilians. Students were also given a tour of the office space, including the ICT equipment used by Police Officers investigating current crimes. The students really enjoyed this part of the day as it allowed them to see and understand the training and skills required to pursue a career in this specialised area.

The group moved onto BDO Kendalls, a large accounting firm who offer a range of accounting and advisory services, including forensic services. Participants were given an overview of three areas of forensic services: fraud, forensic accounting and forensic

computing. Case studies of past investigations were presented to the participants, demonstrating the typical work involved in these areas, the skills required, the various pathways and training required. They explained how they worked within law to assist the Victoria Police and independent lawyers to gather case evidence.

Following this, the whole group moved on to Monash University – Law Faculty. Participants were informed about Monash University's Law and Accounting courses and the various University and TAFE pathways to enter the industry. This gave the participants the opportunity to ask questions about ENTER scores, fees, life at university and realistic employment opportunities.

The program was extremely successful with 100% of students rating the presenters and the information received as either great or good with the majority of students stating they would recommend the program to other students.

This program allowed the students to gain exposure to a wide range of jobs in the forensic accounting and cyber crime investigation industry within different organisations including the private and government sectors. At the end of the program all students believed that their knowledge of the cyber crime and forensic accounting industries had increased and they all had a clearer understanding of the pathways available.