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# A message from your Chancellor

Dear Graduate of the University of Melbourne,

On behalf of the Council of the University of Melbourne, I congratulate you on the completion of your studies and graduation from this institution. Both the acquired knowledge and the extensive skills acquired during the completion of your degree should be a great source of pride and enduring value to you. I hope that over the longer term they may also provide a rich source of service and connection to others, in communities within Australia and in many other countries. Whatever your discipline background, I wish you great success as you seek to put your knowledge and skills to work toward the advancement of our society.

One of the great benefits of a global University such as ours is the strength of its community and, after graduating, you remain a vital part of our University of Melbourne community. Our alumni network is made up of more than 475,000 people around the world, and it is my privilege to invite you to join this cohort of fellow Melbourne graduates. We are proud to offer a range of programs and initiatives to help you build fulfilling careers, embrace opportunities for further learning, and stay in touch with the University throughout your lifetime.

One way to stay connected with the institution and with our leading academics is by taking part in our extensive events

program. Every year, the University hosts a broad range of public lectures, panel discussions and social events and we look forward to welcoming you to join us for these important occasions.

Formal Alumni Associations established in a range of locations are run by volunteers and provide regular opportunities for you to connect with local alumni, wherever you are in the world.

I encourage you to update your details with our Alumni Relations team so that you can stay up to date with the latest news from around the University and receive invitations to events and programs.

Let me again commend you on your efforts and determination to achieve your scholarly ambitions, and congratulate you on your graduation today. You go with the best wishes of this University as you continue your journey and go on to make a valuable contribution to our world throughout your life and career beyond the University.

**Ms Jane Hansen AO**  
**Chancellor**



# Vice-Chancellor's Introduction



*“Seize the chance that Graduating gives you to find success and happiness in your work and in your life, and thereby make your own difference in the world.”*

Throughout history universities have made a difference to the world. They have supported deep scholarship resulting in greater understanding of the arts and humanities, encouraged fundamental research leading to the invention of new technologies, and been instrumental in the generation and development of new industries and professions.

The difference that a university can make is completely dependent on the people who spend a part of their lives at it: Graduates like you, as well as the academics who have taught you, and many other people who have been transformed by their time at university.

Melbourne is an excellent university with a global reputation, first and foremost because it has outstanding students, in every discipline, who Graduate to become illustrious alumni. As an alumnus you remain part of the University of Melbourne's extended community, and we hope that you stay in touch through the many alumni associations round the world, and through our web pages. I hope that you will find the time to return to campus on many occasions.

I also hope you will now seize the chance that Graduating gives you to find success and happiness in your work and in your life, and thereby make your own difference in the world.

My sincere congratulations to you on this great achievement and may I wish you the best of luck.

**Professor Duncan Maskell**  
**Vice-Chancellor**

# History of Melbourne University Graduations

Since the inauguration of the University of Melbourne in 1855, Graduation ceremonies have been among the most significant events of the year. The very first ceremonies reflected the size of the young University, conferring only a small handful of students once yearly in the Annual Commencement. Foundation Professor William Wilson's Mathematical Lecture-Room (in what is now the Old Quad) was the site for these early conferrals, which numbered only several Graduands for the first few years.

From 1882, ceremonies were moved to the newly-built Wilson Hall, designed by Joseph Reed. The new building could now accommodate significantly larger numbers for Graduations and exams. In one of the first ceremonies in this space, the 1883 Annual Commencement, Julia Margaret (Bella) Guerin became the first woman to Graduate from an Australian University, finishing her Bachelor of Arts.

Student numbers continued to grow, as did the prestige of the Annual Commencement. The University began to host significant international visitors and the ceremonies, as reported in the newspapers, were now large-scale events. Wilson Hall became standing room only and numbers over 1500 would crush into the space. It wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that the University would begin to hold multiple conferrals each year.

Appropriately, Joseph Reed, the same architect who designed the original Wilson Hall, was also responsible for designing the Royal Exhibition Building, now a World Heritage listed building, a key landmark of Melbourne, and the site for today's Graduation ceremonies. The building is one of the world's oldest exhibition pavilions, symbolising the great nineteenth century international exhibition movement. On 9 May 1901, the Royal Exhibition Building hosted the opening of the first Federal Parliament, being the most appropriate building to accommodate as many visitors as possible.

Re-decorated for the opening, artist John Ross Anderson painted the walls of the building with allegorical figures, including the large lunettes representing Peace, War, Federation and Government that today's graduands walk beneath to receive their degrees. Suitably, Government is represented by the enthroned figure of Knowledge, surrounded by allegories of arts and education. Tied to the University of Melbourne since its nineteenth century design, the building is a particularly fitting venue for the ceremonial conferring of degrees.

Now used for both exams and Graduations at the University of Melbourne, much like the dual-purpose Wilson Hall, the Royal Exhibition Building evokes the last verses of a student anthem sung at the 1889 *Annual Commencement*.



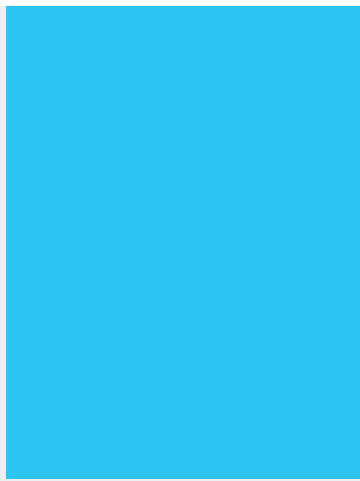
**Above:** Painting by Charles Nuttal, 'The Opening, Commonwealth Parliament', 1901-2, oil on canvas, Museums Victoria.

*"...How changed is this hall from November*

*When our annual cram on the day of exam*

*We vainly try to remember!"*

'The Melbourne University. Annual Commencement', *The Age*, Monday 1 April 1889



**Above:** Samuel Calvert, Annual Commencement Day at the University, engraving, 1880, State Library of Victoria, IAN08/05/80/65.  
**Below:** Bella Guerin, first woman Graduate in Australia, University of Melbourne Archives 2003.0003.00157



**Above:** Conferring degree on Duke of York (later King George V) in Old Wilson Hall, University of Melbourne, 12 May 1901. University of Melbourne Archives. 2017.0071.00140




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A blue-tinted photograph of a young woman in a graduation cap and gown, smiling broadly. A hand is visible adjusting the top of her cap. The background is blurred, suggesting a graduation ceremony setting.

*A Message  
from your  
Dean.*

## Faculty of Arts



Many congratulations to all of you on graduating in these extraordinary times. You've achieved great things against the odds, but that's only the beginning: with your deep disciplinary knowledge, your ability to see things from others' perspectives and your empathy, you're poised now to make a real difference in the world.

Whether you've studied a language, which helps you to appreciate more acutely the similarities and differences between cultures; or Philosophy, which will enable you to critically engage with ethical questions; or History, which provides an understanding of the past and informs an approach to the future... whichever of our subjects you've studied, you've learnt through your Arts degree to imagine flexibly and sympathetically the position and predicaments of others; you're more self-aware – and more aware of others; you've expanded your horizons just a little closer to the widest horizons of all — those of humanity itself; and you've learnt the art of compassion, which our world needs urgently today. Wherever you go and whatever you do, please remain connected with us and with your new network of over 83,000 Faculty of Arts alumni: together we can make the world a better place.

**Revd Professor Russell Goulbourne**  
Dean, Faculty of Arts

## Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning



Congratulations to all our graduates! The award of a degree is a special moment that recognises years of hard work. It is an achievement that is internationally recognised and regarded: education is an investment whose rewards are reaped over a lifetime. Our graduates are in demand all over the world, playing active parts in shaping the future of our cities, regions and societies.

It's been a difficult time recently, but your resilience, determination and talent, along with guidance and support from your dedicated teachers and supervisors, has seen you achieve so much, culminating in your graduation. The world is rapidly changing and now, more than ever, it needs your creativity, skills and leadership to rise to its challenges and help shape a sustainable, equitable and healthy environment for all.

Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will always be a valued graduate of the Faculty of Architecture, Building & Planning and the University of Melbourne. As part of our vibrant and engaged alumni community please do keep in touch to let us know of your adventures and achievements. Above all, we look forward to seeing you shine in all your future endeavours.

**Professor Julie Willis**  
Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning

# Faculty of Business and Economics



Congratulations on graduating from the Faculty of Business and Economics at The University of Melbourne. This is a remarkable achievement – even more so given the educational consequences of COVID-19 in the past few years. You have excelled in your studies on campus, both real and virtual, and your graduation reflects all your hard work, dedication, and commitment. We hope and trust that your student experience has equipped you with all the knowledge, understanding and skills to succeed in your desired career or in further studies.

You are now part of a community – a diverse group of alumni all over the world, from CEOs of global companies to founders of thriving start-ups, and professionals working in the public sector or not-for-profits. Our graduates today are the leaders of tomorrow – in their careers and in society. While the world and its future may seem uncertain and challenging, be confident that your education not only allows you to solve today's problems, but also prepares you to deal with future challenges. Finding solutions to alleviate devastating climate change; inequity in access to health, housing and education; persistent youth unemployment; and questionable business practices, there is much you can contribute.

My best wishes on that journey.

**Professor Paul Kofman**  
**Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics**

# Melbourne Business School



I wish you every success as a new graduate of The University of Melbourne and especially those of you who are graduating from Melbourne Business School.

While I am a graduate of Stanford and the University of Canterbury, Melbourne Business School at the University of Melbourne is my true home. It is where I was mentored as a teacher by some of the finest academics in the world, and where I gained the business theory and knowledge to become a successful CEO.

My personal experience is that what is taught here works very powerfully in practice. As Dean, my hope is that you have the opportunity to discover this for yourself. You should feel empowered to pursue your goals with a driving sense of purpose, confident that you possess the knowledge, skills and experience to bring your ideas to life.

As of today, you belong to a special community of people, including your fellow classmates and graduates, the faculty members who taught you and those who have come before. I hope you draw on all of these networks on your journey towards success.

**Dr Jenny George**  
**Dean, Melbourne Business School**  
**Co-Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics**

## Faculty of Fine Arts and Music



Dear graduates,

Welcome to the community of those who have experienced finishing university and been changed by time spent in reflective and in-depth study of a discipline. Not only has the world itself changed during your time with us, but hopefully you have grown in your creative self, developed lasting friendships, and been introduced to the groups and workplaces with whom you will now be forming pathways for your future.

We often hear of the importance of qualities such as resilience and adaptability and the need not only to perform well in our chosen specialisations, but to come up with new approaches to whatever challenges may be ahead. Preparing students for that reality is fundamental to our teaching, learning and research at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music, and indeed at the University as a whole.

I would like to congratulate you for your academic and professional development during your time with us, acknowledging the effort and willingness you brought to your study every day. The challenges you have not only met but surmounted will be to your credit, giving you tools and experience to help you build your future from here.

I look forward to celebrating many more of your successes in the future.

**Professor Marie Sierra**  
Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts and Music

## Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences



On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences it gives me great pleasure to congratulate our most recent graduates. My sincere thanks to all your incredible teachers, advisors, classmates, friends, family and partners who have supported you along this journey.

Completing your degree at Australia's leading health faculty during a once-in-a-generation global pandemic is certainly a milestone you will never forget. Your lives have been disrupted, normal ways of doing things have been upended, and your perseverance and resilience in the face of these challenges has been remarkable.

Now more than ever the important role of healthcare and medical research in improving people's lives is clear. The knowledge and experience you've gained as a student will put you in good stead to make valuable contributions that serve our communities. Whether you're now embarking on further studies, entering, or re-entering the workforce, I wish you every success.

As a graduate of this great University myself, I hope that like me, you'll look back at your time here with great fondness in the years to come. For now, I wish you all the very best in your next chapter and I warmly welcome you to our esteemed alumni community.

**Professor Jane Gunn AO**  
Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

# Melbourne Graduate School of Education



My warmest congratulations to you all on completing your studies at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education.

Many of you will be starting your careers as teachers, others will have pursued further studies to enhance your existing careers. For those of you about to step into schools in your first roles as classroom teachers, know that you are well prepared. Your studies at the University have given you an excellent foundation for your careers as teachers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the crucial contribution teachers make to our society and you should feel proud to join this noble profession.

**Professor Jim Watterston**  
**Dean, Melbourne Graduate School of Education**

## Faculty of Science



Congratulations on your graduation. It is a great achievement and an important milestone.

For more than 100 years, graduates of Science at the University of Melbourne have excelled in practically every field of human endeavor, from astrophysics to zoology. Our alumni include scientists, educators, writers, politicians and entrepreneurs. One of them won a Nobel Prize. You are now a member of that special community.

Like those who have gone before you, you will have the opportunity to use the knowledge you have gained through your education to contribute to the wellbeing of our society. I trust that you will do that. I trust that whatever you choose to do, you will remain curious and open-minded, that the skills you have developed during your studies will hold you in good stead, and that you will embrace the challenges that await you with confidence.

Your journey has just begun, and there is every chance it will be extraordinary.

Warmest congratulations.

**Professor Moira O'Bryan**  
Dean, Faculty of Science

## Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology



Congratulations to our Graduates.

To overcome the challenges of the last few years and graduate is a huge accomplishment – I am incredibly proud of you - as are all my colleagues in the Faculty.

I know how hard you have worked to achieve this moment. The knowledge you have gained and the ingenuity and creativity you have demonstrated time and time again throughout your course will serve you very well throughout your career.

As Melbourne graduates, you are ready to take your place as the next generation of industry, research and community leaders – to meet new challenges and find solutions to problems large and small.

I congratulate you and welcome you into our alumni community – we would like to continue our relationship with you through our alumni events, industry seminars, celebrations and presentations.

**Professor Mark Cassidy**  
Dean, Faculty of Engineering  
and Information Technology

# Melbourne Law School



Warmest congratulations on your graduation from the Melbourne Law School. Earning a degree is a truly important moment in any person's life, and we are proud to share this moment with you today. I sincerely hope that you have had a fulfilling and rewarding time with us and I thank you for being part of our MLS community. You have earned your degree at a profoundly challenging time and that fact should be a source of extra satisfaction for you today.

Tertiary study in law affords many opportunities to those who undertake it, but perhaps the most striking – and certainly the most important – are the opportunities given to lawyers to make real and enduring contributions to public life in Australia and around the world. You, like all lawyers, are custodians of our legal systems, traditions and cultures, and this is a precious inheritance that should be handled with great care. I urge you to be active moral agents as you work with law in your professional lives, seeking justice and upholding the rule of law in everything you do.

You now join our MLS alumni community and you will remain part of that community wherever you choose to live and work, whether in Australia or abroad. As a graduate of MLS, you may enjoy a range of benefits including assistance with career development, invitations to our events and activities, and the opportunity to engage with the alumni network around the world. I encourage you to avail yourself of these benefits, and to stay in contact with us through our e-newsletter MLS News.

At this important moment, I hope you look back at your time at MLS with fondness even as you look forward with excitement to the next steps in your career. And that you take some time with family and friends to enjoy your significant achievement.

**Professor Matthew Harding**  
**Dean, Melbourne Law School**





# The Academic Procession

Every University of Melbourne graduation ceremony begins with the Academic Procession; the ceremonial entrance and passage of the Presiding Party and key academics, making their way onto the stage. Like most elements of the graduation ceremony, this tradition dates back many centuries. The procession would once involve all graduands and would pass through the city streets, a means for the public to witness the newly elevated status of the graduating party.

Walking in front of the Presiding Chancellor, the Esquire Bedell will be carrying the University of Melbourne's ceremonial mace. The role is an evolution of a traditional Sergeant-at-Arms, bodyguard to the King, who once carried a more functional mace in the Middle Ages. Through the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, the Royal mace evolved from a weapon of war into a ceremonial symbol of the authority of the King, and developed into ornate objects emblazoned with the Royal coat-of-arms.

Today, the mace represents the authority of the Council of the University. Acquired in 1966, the University of Melbourne's mace was created by Stuart Devlin AO, who two years earlier designed the Australian decimal currency coins still in circulation today. If you look closely, you'll see the University's Coat of Arms, the winged figure of Victory holding a laurel wreath between four stars, and motto, *Postera Crescam Laude*, set into its centre.



*“... A gleam of scarlet and gold  
at the entrance to the hall  
proclaimed the advent of the  
University dignitaries. The  
members of the council, the  
professors, the lecturers and  
the demonstrators formed a  
procession up the hall”*

‘University Commencement’  
The Leader, Saturday 12 April 1902

# Faculty of Arts



*The Faculty of Arts is home to over 13,000 students, 700 staff and 40 areas of study in the humanities and social sciences. It incorporates five academic schools as well as a number of research units, reflecting our key interdisciplinary strengths. It delivers the Bachelor of Arts - the University's original degree - as well as a range of professionally orientated Masters programs and research degrees.*

The Faculty boasts great intellectual breadth with a diversity of programs ranging from Indigenous Studies, to Classics and Indonesian language as well as applied programs in fields such as public policy, journalism, linguistics, arts management, cultural conservation and international development. It maintains strong connections with leading international universities through research and joint teaching collaborations and student exchange programs. The Faculty has a vibrant engagement program including the Ten Great Books series, masterclasses and public lecture series. The Faculty also has strong relationships with government, not-for-profit and private organisations through student internship placements and research projects and actively engages with the broader community, alumni and its supporters, promoting lifelong learning and the value of the humanities and social sciences.

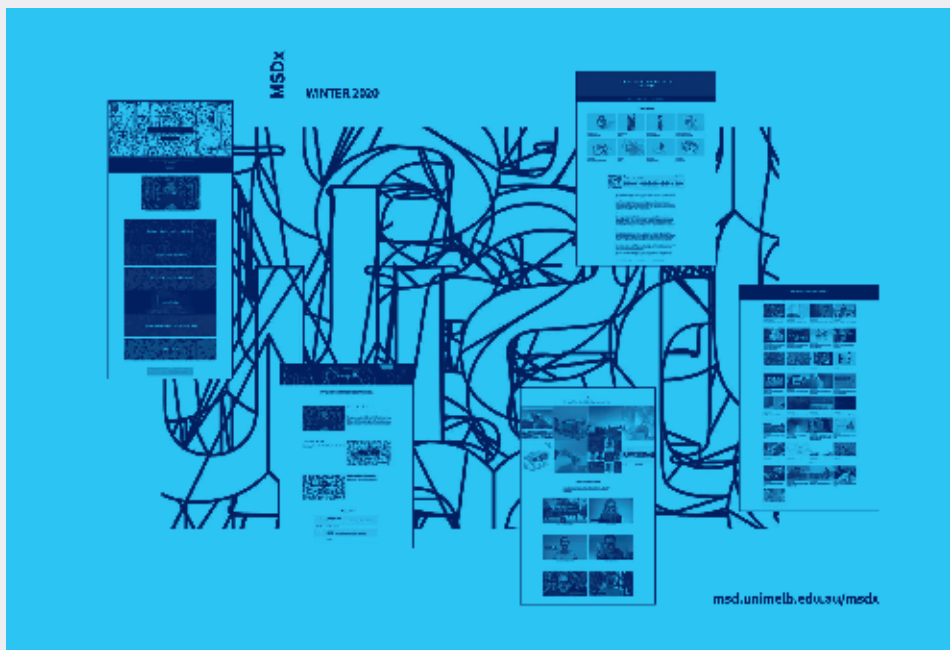
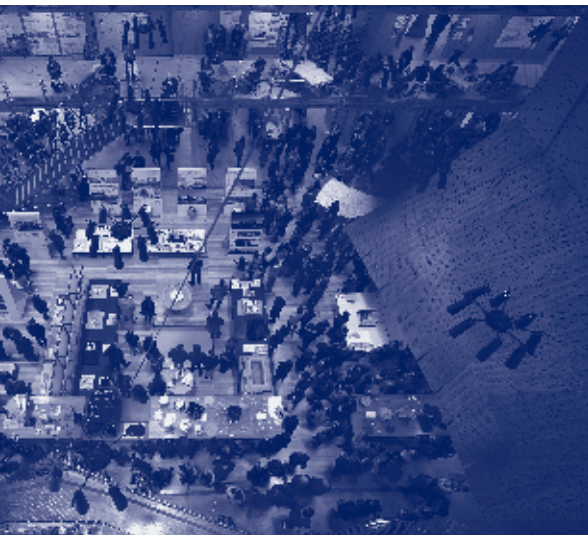
For more information about the Faculty of Arts, go to <http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/>



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# Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning



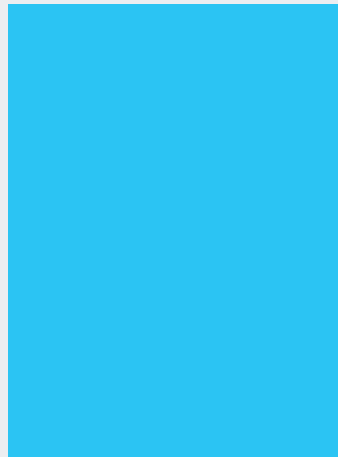


# Faculty of Business and Economics



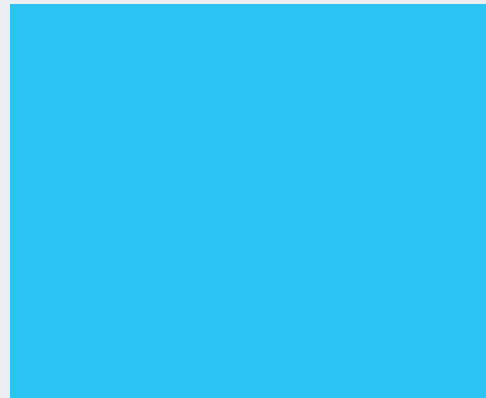
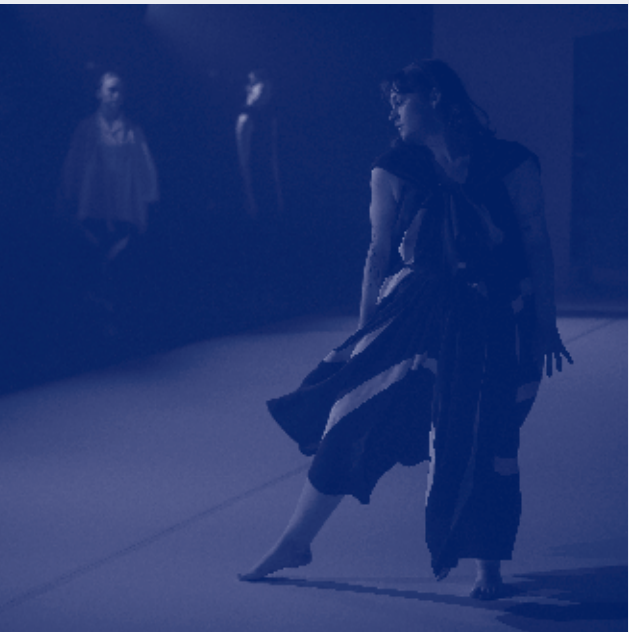


# Melbourne Business School

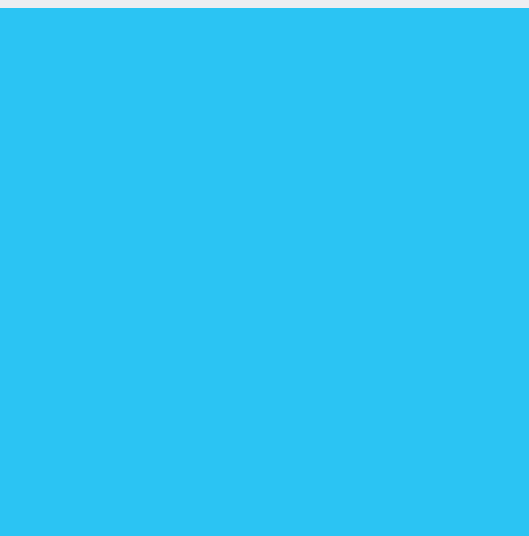


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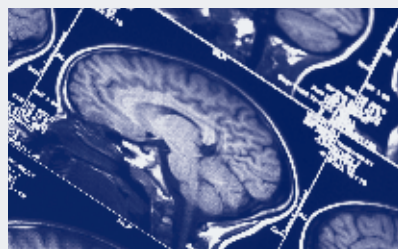








# Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences





**Below:** Credit: Photographer Phoebe Powell's 'Thank you' photo essay commissioned by the Metro Tunnel Creative Program. Photograph by Phoebe Powell.

The Parkville Biomedical Precinct is home to some of the world's leading medical researchers and academics. Through 30 Precinct Partners, including the University of Melbourne, it delivers outstanding clinical care and education, and produces world-class biomedical research.

A photo essay commissioned by the Metro Tunnel Creative Program acknowledges and shows the human faces who have worked in the precinct during this time to keep Victorians safe during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. It is thanks to these people that Melbourne remains globally recognised for its innovation in healthcare. The work was installed in July 2020 on Royal Parade in Parkville.



**Above:**

**Treahna Hamm (b. 1965)**

**Language:** Yorta Yorta

**Country:** Yorta Yorta

**Artist location:** Yarrowonga, Victoria

**Dhungala cool burn**, 2017, acrylic paint, river sand, bark ink, paper on canvas, 100.9 × 114.0 cm (each of three panels), MHM2017.2, Medical History Museum, University of Melbourne.

Bush medicine and knowledge have been connected to what is known as 'cool burns' in many parts of traditional Aboriginal homelands, usually practised during the autumn months. Low-intensity fire was and is done to manage and maintain plant, tree and grass growth. It regenerates and brings into being new growth, buds and shoots, continuing the cultural process of gathering food and medical resources. This process was part of a vast knowledge that is held between the sky, land, people and wildlife, all connected within lore and story to people and land. Cool burns were also practised to clear built-up areas of bushland, so that hunting and gathering would be easier, and foods and bush medicines more clearly recognised in the environment.

The triptych depicts traditional times of Yorta Yorta women and girls collecting bush foods and remedies, with their dilly-bags hung from their shoulders—after cool burning occurs. The figures stand in honour of ancestral knowledge along the bank of dhungala (the Murray River), which is symbolised by the hands of ancestors holding billabong sediment. This also contains the symbolism of healing, along with the continued benefits of medicinal knowledge, hand in hand with spirituality in more than 2000 generations of people on Country. The oval shapes in the foreground are coolamons; inside them are seeds, pods and reeds that have been gathered before the cool burning took place. The coolamons have been painted with local river-bark ink. Its use is vastly versatile, as the bark ink is also used in the creation of medicine in Yorta Yorta Country.

# Melbourne Graduate School of Education



**Above:** Isabella Barker - MTeach (Secondary)



**Above:** 2020 MTeach EC and ECP orientation: students wave to their offshore colleagues who can't get to Australia.

My warmest congratulations to everyone on successfully completing your degree during a time in our global history that continues to be unsettled. All of you have been studying against this backdrop while managing multiple demands in your lives and showing determination and persistence in reaching this stage which is both an end point and a transition point into whatever comes next.

You are now welcome members of the MGSE alumni community, and I encourage you to be part of this vibrant group in order to maintain and build new collegial relationships.

On behalf of all staff, I wish each of you every success in your future endeavours and thank you for your contributions to our faculty.

**Dr Annie Gowing**  
Course Coordinator, Master of Education





A key purpose of education is sustainable flourishing, for both people and planet. Today, by graduating, you have further demonstrated your commitment to this endeavour. Congratulations on this great achievement – to you and to those who have supported you. Welcome to the MGSE alumni! We are proud to have you as part of this community.

Celebrate your special achievement today.  
Continue your journey tomorrow.

**Professor Lindsay Oades – Deputy Dean**

Congratulations of the completion of your degree. We are honoured to have been part of your professional journey. Your study has prepared you to make a new contribution to your profession in your area of specialisation, now as a leader and expert. It will have equipped you, in various ways, to take action, to work to enhance the lives of others, to inform systems and policies, address inequities and advance justice and sustainability outcomes. We look forward to the impact your new knowledge will have on your various fields of endeavour, and on our world more broadly. Welcome to the Faculty as an Alum.

**Professor Larissa McLean Davies – Deputy Dean**



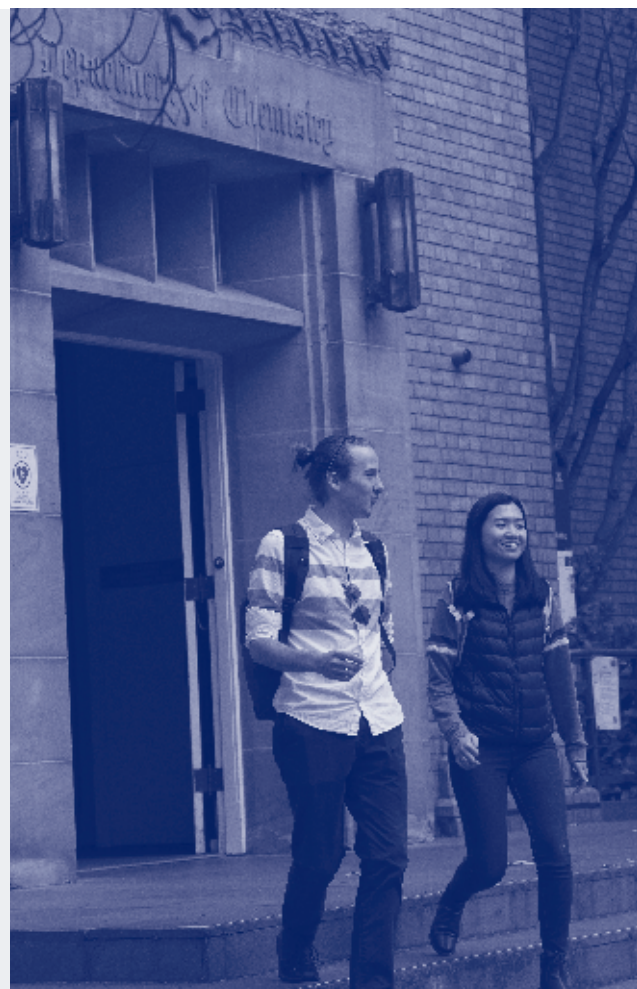
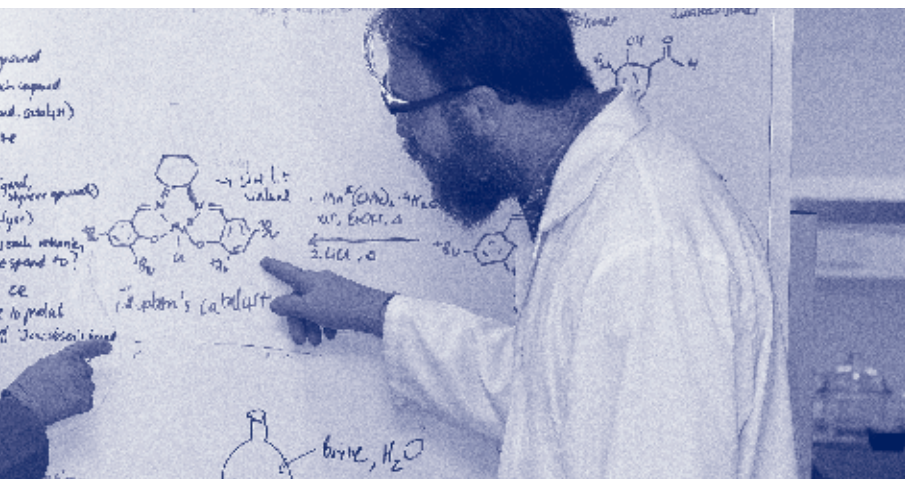
It has been a privilege to be part of the Internship and to guide our graduating interns through their course. The commitment, dedication and good humour they have shown to completing their Master of Teaching, while also teaching in schools, coping with online teaching and attending intensives during their well-earned school holidays has been humbling to observe. Good luck for the coming years, former interns.

**Dr Merryn Dawborn-Gundlach  
Course Coordinator, Master of Teaching  
(Secondary) Internship**

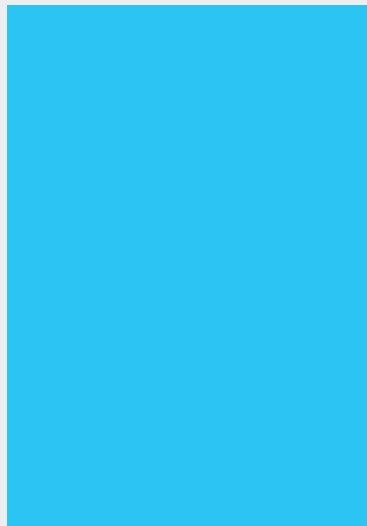
**Above:** Mía Haravitsidis – MTeach (Secondary)

# Faculty of Science





# Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology





### Engineering and information technology at Melbourne

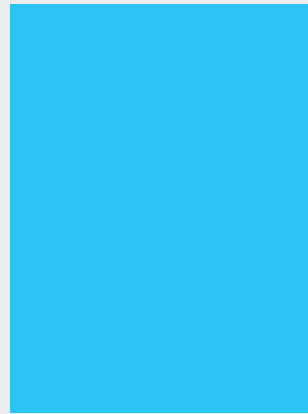
The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT) has come a long way since 1861, when 15 students enrolled in the first engineering classes at Parkville. We are now Australia's leading provider of engineering and information technology education and the highest-ranked Australian Institution in engineering and information technology across three major international rankings (Times Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong and Quacquarelli Symonds).

Our engineering and technology community is drawn from over 100 countries, consisting of 3,000 students in coursework programs (nearly 700 at the Masters level) and more than 900 students in research training, all supported by over 400 PhD qualified researchers and teachers. Our network of nearly 25,000 alumni spans the globe. The strength of our research, teaching and practice is helping to define engineering and information technology for the 21st century.

Our graduate model of engineering education provides depth, breadth and flexibility to a world-class curriculum that is informed by real world, problem-based learning, industry experience and a generous program of scholarships for both local and international students.



# Melbourne Law School



# Academic Awards

*University of Melbourne Graduation Ceremonies may also include the presentation of awards recognising academic achievement.*



## The Woodward and Marles Medals

Named after two former Chancellors, the Woodward and Marles medals recognise research excellence from academic staff at the University of Melbourne.

**The Woodward Medal** was established by former University Chancellor Sir Edward Woodward and Lady Woodward. It recognises research published in the preceding five years considered to have made the most significant contribution to knowledge in the field of Science and Technology or Humanities and Social Sciences.

**The Marles Medal** is named in honour of Ms Fay Marles AM, an alumna and the first female Chancellor of the University. Ms Marles was also the first Victorian Commissioner for Equal Opportunity and a trailblazer in the areas of social welfare and public service. The award recognises excellence in research impact, which may include an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health and wellbeing, the environment or quality of life beyond academia.



## The Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis

Chancellor's Prizes are presented annually to Doctoral graduates for doctoral theses awarded in the previous year that demonstrate excellence in several key categories. Prize-winners are nominated by their faculty, who consider the recognition and impact of their doctoral research. Each year there are six or seven Chancellor's Prizes presented across the fields of Science and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Medicine Dentistry and Health Sciences.

# Academic Dress

Today's Graduates are taking part in an event with a long history; an event that has evolved but also retains a number of original historic elements regarding academic dress. When the first Universities were established in Europe in the middle ages, the student body was almost exclusively religious. For this reason, the robes worn by today's Graduates are an evolution of the traditional clerical dress worn by the first University students.

At the University of Melbourne, ceremonial academic dress can consist of several elements depending on the degree that you are Graduating from:

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## Bachelor Degrees

Trenchers and black gown with a hood of black silk and lined with white silk and lined with the colour of the faculty, school or discipline.

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## Master Degrees

Trenchers and black gown with hood of black silk and lined with the colour of the faculty, school or discipline. Extended Master degrees have a trencher tassel in the colour of their discipline.

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## Doctorates

Velvet Bonnet together with:

- > Doctor of Philosophy – black gown faced with cherry and cherry hood
- > Other doctorates – cherry gown with the colour of the faculty and a black hood lined with the colour of the faculty, school or discipline.



*“Vivid academic robes and the crimson and green and gold of countless hoods made brilliant splashes of colour against the grey stone walls and sombre panelling of the Wilson Hall on Saturday afternoon...”*

‘Conferring of Degrees’  
The Australasian, Saturday 16 April 1927



# Colours of Faculty, School of Discipline

Architecture, Building and Planning	Magenta	Law	White
– Environments	Saffron Yellow	Melbourne Business School (MBS)	Sky Blue with Gold Band
Arts	Stewart Blue	PhD	Cherry Red
Business and Economics	Sky Blue	Philosophy	Pea Green
Education (MGSE)	Malachite Green	Science	Olive Green
Engineering and Information Technology	Gold	Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences	
Medicine, Dentistry and Health Services		– Veterinary Science	Garnet
– Biomedicine	Olive Green / Cardinal Red Band	– Agriculture	Old Gold
– Clinical Dentistry	Mink / Gold	Fine Arts and Music	
– Dental Surgery	Mink	– Melbourne Conservatorium of Music	Lilac
– Health Services	Petunia	– Victorian Collage of the Arts	Lemon
– Medicine	Cardinal Red	Design	Spectrum Orange
– Nursing	Petunia		
– Optometry	Juniper		
– Physiotherapy	Jade		
– Population and Global Health	Winston Purple		
– Social Work	Chartreuse Green		

# Academic Music

## *Gaudeamus Igitur*

Associated with Graduations for over two centuries, *Gaudeamus Igitur* (Therefore, Let us Rejoice) accompanies the Presiding Party and Academic Procession as they enter the building. Pieced together from several sources, this song has been sung by students for centuries, at Graduations around the world.

The lyrics are in Latin, and are more playful than formal, focused on how short life is, making it a popular drinking song in bars and taverns.

The melody is well-known; indeed one of the first acts performed by CSIRAC, the University of Melbourne's first computer in 1956, was to chirp the tune of *Gaudeamus* to the amazement of those in attendance.

### Original

Gaudeamus igitur  
Iuvenes dum sumus.  
Post iucundam iuventutem  
Post molestam senectutem  
Nos habebit humus

Vivat academia!  
Vivant professores!  
Vivat membrum quodlibet;  
Vivant membra quaelibet;  
Semper sint in flore.

Vita nostra brevis est  
Brevi finiatur.  
Venit mors velociter  
Rapit nos atrociter  
Nemini parceret.

### English Variant

While we're young, let us rejoice,  
Singing out in gleeful tones;  
After youth's delightful frolic,  
And old age (so melancholic!),  
Earth will cover our bones.

Long live our academy,  
Teachers whom we cherish;  
Long live all the Graduates,  
And the undergraduates;  
Ever may they flourish.

Life is short and all too soon  
We emit our final gasp;  
Death ere long is on our back;  
Terrible is his attack;  
None escapes his dread grasp



**Left:** Heiner Egersdorfer, *The Annual Commencement* (detail), engraving, David Syme and Co. 1892, State Library of Victoria. IAN01/04/92/21



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