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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. Similarly, I would hope your time with us and the relationships you have formed, will provide a lifelong and heartfelt connection to your University. Over the longer term it will also provide a rich source of service and connection to others in communities within Australia and abroad. Whatever your discipline background, I sincerely wish you every success as you seek to apply your learnings toward the betterment of our society.

One of the great benefits of this global University 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 500,000 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 institution throughout your lifetime.

One way to stay connected with both your peers and our leading academics is to take part in our extensive program of events. 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 keep your details updated 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 warmly congratulate you on your graduation today. You go with the best wishes of our University as you embark on your journey to make a valuable contribution to our shared future throughout your life and career.

Ms Jane Hansen AO
Chancellor



Vice-Chancellor's Introduction

“The power of connection is something that enhances every life, community and nation. Your connection to this University can likewise bring many benefits to yourselves and others.”



To our newest alumni – congratulations on graduating from the University of Melbourne!

The occasion of your Melbourne graduation is truly a moment of history. Already, by successfully completing your degrees, you have achieved something significant for your families, your communities and yourselves.

As you move forward from graduation day, I encourage you to remember that your years spent at Melbourne mean something important for us all.

Please make yours a lifelong connection to the University and its people by engaging with our alumni associations around the world, by sustaining relationships and friendships that you have begun here, and by visiting campus whenever you can.

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As a Melbourne graduate myself, I have often reflected on the amazing strength of a University of Melbourne education, and the value that all our graduates bring to industries and communities around the world.

In fact, the University can have little effect in the world if its alumni do not rise to the challenges of the day, giving their best through their work and within their many communities.

Giving your best, as Melbourne graduates, is a lifelong challenge. I know that all of you are up for it.

Again, my warmest congratulations on becoming University of Melbourne alumni.

Professor Emma Johnston AO
Vice-Chancellor

History of Graduations at The University of Melbourne

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 the 9th of 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 from the Faculty of Arts to all of you graduating today! As graduates of the Faculty of Arts, you are graduates of the oldest Faculty at the University of Melbourne. The blue you are wearing is the blue of Arts. As graduates of this University, you join an alumni community of more than 500,000 people living and working in over 170 countries. You do so having been part of a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff and students who are privileged to work and learn every day on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, Bunurong and Dja Dja Wurrung peoples.

As a Faculty, we have a commitment to equity and to civic responsibility, to courage and creativity, to rigour and integrity, and to critical independence. We hope you will carry these values with you in whatever you choose to do, and how you choose to make a real difference in the world. What we trust you also carry forth, is the power to make a change – to ask questions, to think again, and to challenge, both yourself and others. Each of you have the opportunity to make a difference – to rethink or re-imagine ways of doing and knowing, and create purpose in this world.

This University values the interactions that we have with our students. You challenge us to be better teachers and researchers, and we challenge you to be critical thinkers and contributors to the many places you will be in your lives. We look forward to staying connected as you embark on your exciting journey, and take with you what you have gained from your time here at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Jennifer Balint
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.

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
Sidney Myer Chair of Commerce

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.

Professor 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. 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 studies is a remarkable achievement and I hope that you will take what you have learned both in and outside of the classroom into your future endeavours. You should be proud of the dedication, resilience and openness to experience that you have clearly demonstrated in achieving this milestone.

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 are pursuing further studies, entering the workforce, or returning to it, I wish you every success.

I hope that you will look back at your time at the University of Melbourne with great fondness in the years to come. For now, I wish you all the very best in your next chapter and I welcome you to our esteemed alumni community.

Professor Mike McGuckin
Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences



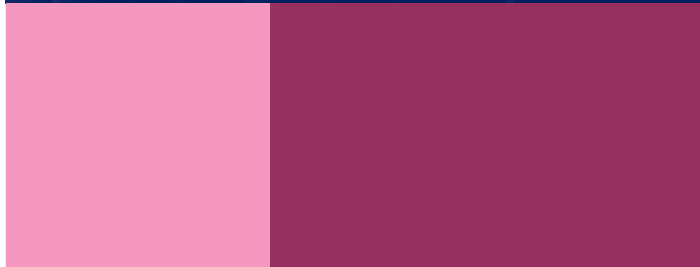
Faculty of Education



My warmest congratulations to you all on this important milestone. Completing your studies is an academic achievement, but more profoundly, it is a commitment to the future of education as a cornerstone of society. You are joining a profession built on care, justice, and imagination — a field that both shapes and is shaped by the world. Whether you are stepping into the classroom, leading community change, continuing research, or reimagining educational systems, know that your time with us has prepared you well. You carry with you not only knowledge, but also the capacity to think critically, act ethically, and inspire hope.

We are proud of all that you have achieved — and all that you will become. Welcome to our alumni community.

Professor Marek Tesar
Dean, Faculty 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



To graduate today is an enormous accomplishment. I – along with all my colleagues in the Faculty – am extremely proud of your accomplishment.

You have been able to reach this milestone thanks to your dedication, persistence, and perseverance. You have gained new knowledge and demonstrated the creativity and the capacity to solve problems in close collaboration with others during your course and this experience 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 vibrant alumni community. We hope you continue to engage with us through participation in our alumni events, industry seminars, celebrations, and presentations.

Professor Ampalavanapillai Nirmalathas
Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

Melbourne Law School



Warmest congratulations on your graduation from 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 hope that you have enjoyed a fulfilling and rewarding time with us and I thank you for being part of our MLS community.

The study of law affords many opportunities, 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 care.

You now join our Melbourne Law School 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 the Law School, you may enjoy a range of benefits including assistance with career development, invitations to our events and activities, and the opportunity to engage with our 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 Melbourne Law School with fondness even as you look forward with excitement to the next steps in your career. Please take some time with family and friends to enjoy your significant achievement.

Professor Michelle Foster
Dean Melbourne Law School &
William Hearn Professor of Law





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 maintains great intellectual breadth with a diversity of programs ranging from Indigenous Studies, to Classics and Criminology, Theatre Arts and Media, History and Political Science and Indonesian language as well as programs in fields such as public policy, journalism, linguistics, arts management, cultural conservation and international development. We are committed to contributing strongly to public and institutional life, and to providing an engaged and distinctive arts, humanities and social science education for our students. The Faculty maintains strong connections with leading international universities through research and joint teaching collaborations and student exchange programs. Our vibrant engagement program includes masterclasses and public lecture series. We have strong relationships with government, not-for-profit and community organisations through student internship placements and collaborative research projects and we seek to actively engage with the broader community, alumni and its supporters, to promote lifelong learning and the value of the humanities and social sciences.

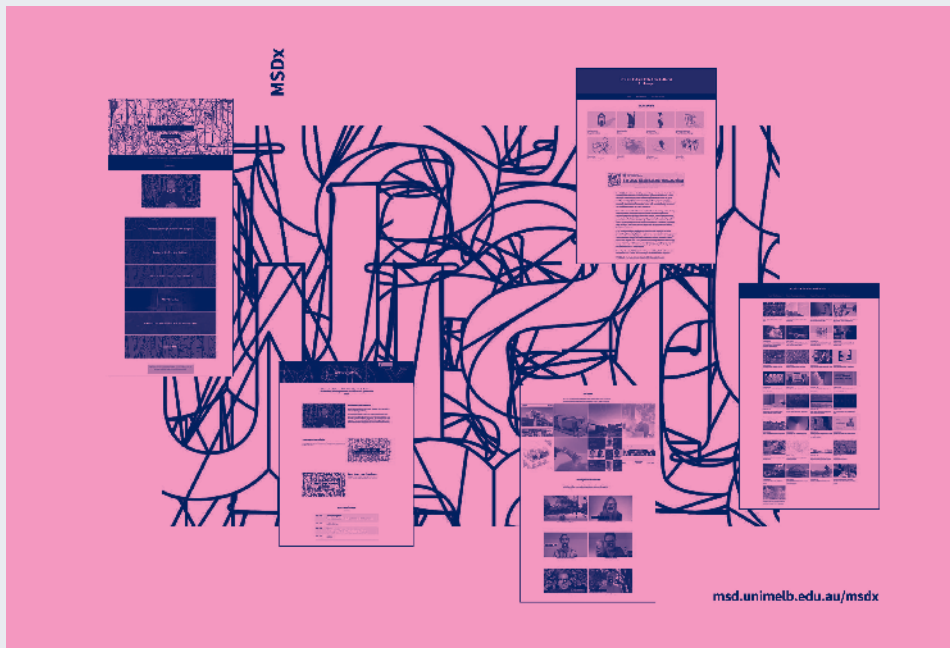
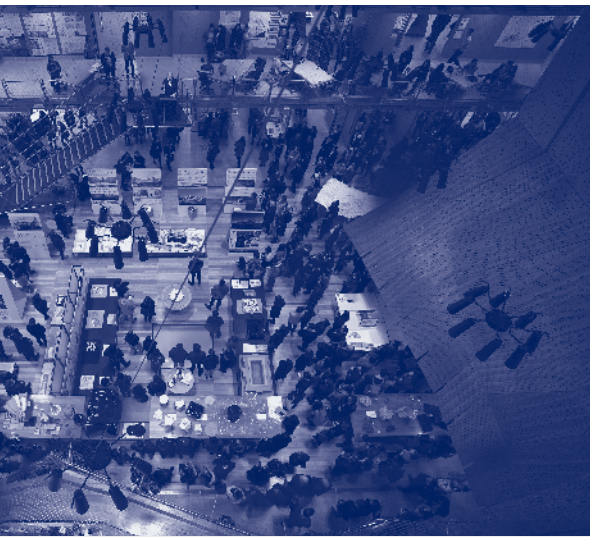
For more information about the Faculty of Arts, go to <http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/>



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Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning





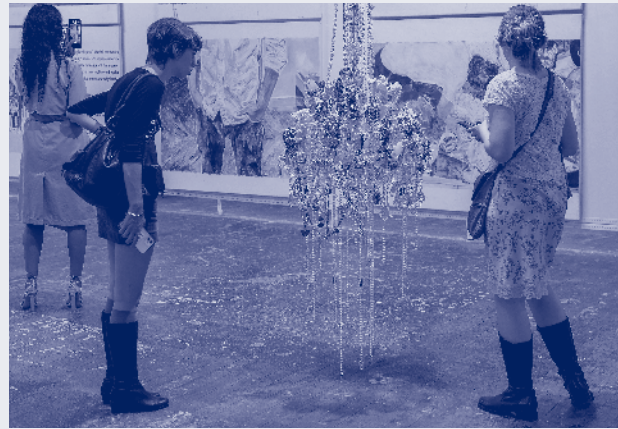
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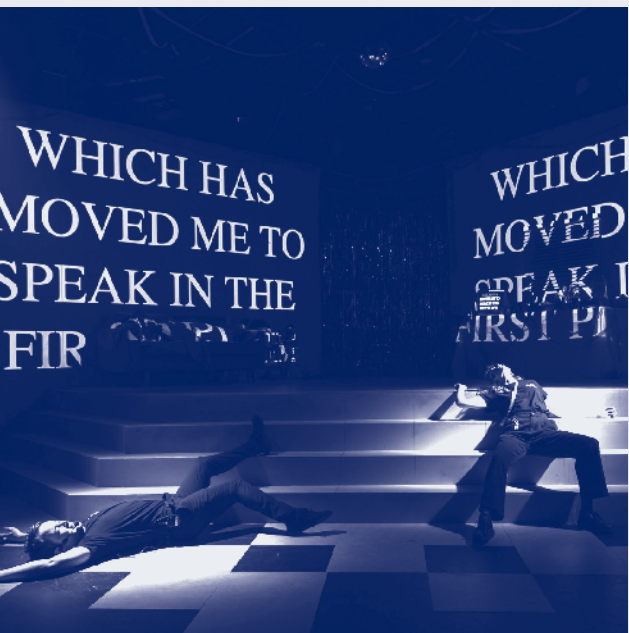


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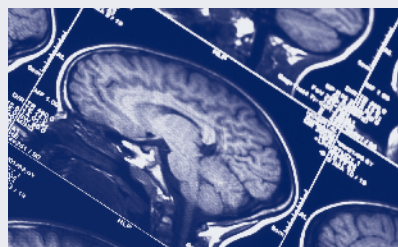
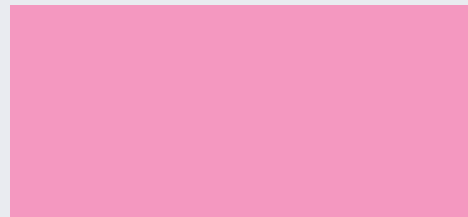








Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences





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.

Faculty of Education



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

It has been a privilege to be part of the Internship program, and to guide you, our graduating interns, through your course. The internship is an enriching but also demanding pathway into teaching. Your commitment and dedication, in both work and study, has set you up for fantastic careers in a deeply relational profession. Through the internship, you have already established yourselves; you are well skilled in both theory and practice and ready to make your ample contribution as the next generation of educators and educational leader. Good luck to each and every one of you. We are proud of your efforts and the contribution that you have already made to a great profession.

**Dr Adam Taylor - Course Coordinator,
Master of Teaching (Secondary) Internship**



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 Faculty of Education 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

Congratulations on completing your degree. This great achievement reflects your hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout your academic journey. As you transition from students to alumni, remember that your connection to our university doesn't end here; it evolves. On behalf of all staff, I warmly welcome you to our esteemed alumni community. We look forward to hearing about your successes, supporting your ongoing development, and seeing the positive impact you'll undoubtedly make in the world.

**Dr Helen Cozmescu
Course Coordinator,
Master of Education**

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 more than 48,000 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:

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.

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.

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

– Environments

Saffron Yellow

Arts

Stewart Blue

Business and Economics

Sky Blue

Education

Malachite Green

Engineering and Information Technology

Gold

Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences

– Audiology and Speech Pathology

Petunia

– Biomedicine

Olive Green / Cardinal Red Band

– Clinical Dentistry

Mink / Gold

– Dental Surgery

Mink

– Health Sciences

Petunia

– Medicine

Cardinal Red

– Nursing

Petunia

– Optometry

Juniper

– Physiotherapy

Jade

– Population and Global Health

Winston Purple

– Social Work

Chartreuse Green

Law

White

Melbourne Business School (MBS)

Sky Blue with Gold Band

PhD

Cherry Red

Philosophy

Pea Green

Science

Olive Green

Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences

– Veterinary Science

Garnet

– Agriculture

Old Gold

Fine Arts and Music

– Melbourne Conservatorium of Music

Lilac

– Victorian College of the Arts

Lemon

Design

Spectrum Orange

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 finietur.
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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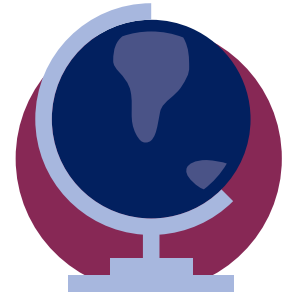
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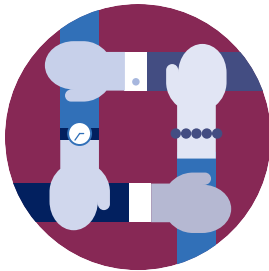
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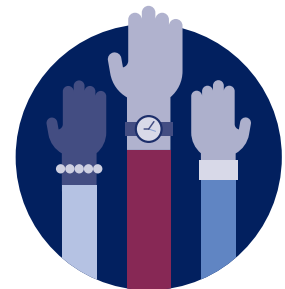
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