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Hundreds to graduate in Launceston

The University of Tasmania's annual round of winter graduations moves north this weekend, as hundreds prepare to graduate in Launceston.

More than 480 people will receive degrees or diplomas at the ceremony, with 200 physically processing at the ceremony to be held at **11am in the Albert Hall on Saturday (August 22)**.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said graduations were a time of celebration for the University community.

"This is an occasion of great joy as people from all walks of life celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and learning," Professor Rathjen said.

"Like those who have come before them, this weekend's graduands will take their talent and learning into broader society, adding to the intellectual, social, economic and cultural fabric of communities in Australia and around the globe.

"I know the Tasmanian community will join with us here at the University in warmly congratulating our 2015 graduates and wishing them all the best for the future."

Launceston Graduation Ceremony

11am, Albert Hall

Australian Maritime College
Faculty of Arts
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health
Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology
Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
Research College

Media information:

- Media are welcome to film and photograph graduations.
- Graduands and their family, friends and guests, gather *at least* 30 minutes before the ceremonies and afterwards for refreshments at the venue.
- "Graduand" refers to someone about to graduate. After they receive their degree or diploma, they are then a graduate.

- The hats that graduands wear are called “mortarboards” or “caps”. The floppy velvet hats are called Tudor bonnets and indicate the wearer has a PhD. The black academic gowns are robes. The robes with longer sleeves mean the wearer has a Masters degree or higher. Different institutions have different styles and colours of academic dress.
- The coloured silk on academic robes refers to the wearer’s degree.
- “Testamur” refers to the physical degree or diploma a graduate receives, i.e. the folder/piece of paper they are handed on stage.

For general information about graduations, please visit:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/graduation/>

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