

Media Release

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Graduations light up the winter this August

For more than 500 students their weekend plans will include receiving a degree or diploma after years of hard work.

The University will celebrate graduations in Hobart tomorrow (**Saturday 16 August 2014**).

In Hobart 1169 students will receive degrees and diplomas in the August graduation round, with 544 physically processing over three ceremonies in the Federation Concert Hall.

There will be a single graduation ceremony next weekend in Launceston (Saturday 23 August 2014) at the Albert Hall, where 472 will graduate and 238 will physically attend.

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said graduations are always a time of celebration for the entire University community.

“The achievements of our students are the focus of these occasions. It is a chance for family, friends and academics alike to celebrate their achievements, and recognise the culmination of years of dedication, learning and personal development.”

August graduation ceremony details

Saturday 16 August, Federation Concert Hall, Hobart

11am

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Law

Tasmanian School of Business and Economics

2.30pm

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Health

Menzies Research Institute

5.30pm

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology

Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

Saturday 23 August, Albert Hall, Launceston

11am

Australian Maritime College

Faculty of Arts

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Health

Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology

Tasmanian School of Business and Economics

Media information:

- Media are welcome to film and photograph graduations.
- Ceremonies are approximately an hour in length.
- 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 graduands wear are called “mortarboards” or “caps”. The floppy velvet hats are called Tudor bonnets and mean 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 refer 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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