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University of Tasmania graduands to celebrate success

Almost 2000 graduands will celebrate the culmination of hard work, scholarship and determination at graduation ceremonies to be held in Hobart and Launceston in coming days.

The winter graduations will be held in **Hobart on Friday, 12 August, and in Launceston on Saturday, 20 August.**

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said graduations were a time of great joy for students, staff and families.

“Teaching is at the very heart of what we do so there is nothing better than seeing people celebrate the knowledge, skills and qualifications they have gained with our institution,” Professor Rathjen said.

“These graduation ceremonies come after a great deal of effort and commitment and mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next. The University community congratulates the graduands with great warmth.”

Four ceremonies will be held at the Federation Concert Hall in Hobart on Friday, at 10am, 1pm, 4pm and 7pm. A total of 1270 students will be conferred.

Hobart Ceremonies

- 10am:** Faculty of Arts
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Law
Graduate Research
- 1pm:** Faculty of Health
Graduate Research
- 4pm:** Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
Graduate Research

7pm: Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology
Graduate Research

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. Each ceremony is expected to last for approximately one hour.
- “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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