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Graduations kick start the festive season

The December round of graduation ceremonies will be the perfect start to the festive season for 124 UTAS Cradle Coast campus students today.

Students will graduate with degrees and diplomas from the faculties of Arts, Business, Education, Health Science, and Science, Engineering and Technology.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, said the graduation ceremonies were rounding off a year of excellent achievements for the university.

“2012 saw UTAS receive a variety of accolades recognising our excellence in teaching and research, including our institution featuring prominently in the Commonwealth Government’s Office for Learning and Teaching grants.

“The innovative student learning programs, Patient Partner Program, run by the Launceston Clinical School, and the School of Education’s Maths Education Team, were both recipients of \$25,000 Programs that Enhance Learning Awards.

“Several of our individual academics were also recognised for their excellent teaching abilities, receiving Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

“This firm focus on quality teaching at UTAS ensures our graduates benefit from learning in an environment where teaching is both celebrated and viewed as a core responsibility of the institution.”

Prof Rathjen said UTAS’ recent Excellence in Research for Australia results were also a cause for great pride, with a range of disciplines, including agriculture and land and farm management, rated as world standard or higher.

“Our strength in agricultural research and teaching, and our Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, have a particularly strong link with our Cradle Coast campus, where we continue to build on our regional strengths and work closely in partnership with the community, industry and the State Government.”

Prof Rathjen said UTAS' high standards of teaching and research excellence ensure graduates undertake their higher education in an environment that encourages a path of continuing high achievement.

There will also be graduation ceremonies held in Launceston on Saturday 15 December and in Hobart on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19.

Burnie graduation ceremony:

Date	Time /Faculty	Location
Tuesday 11 December 2012	4pm Faculty of Arts Faculty of Business Faculty of Education Faculty of Health Science Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology Allied research higher degrees	Burnie Town Hall

December graduation numbers for 2012:

Burnie - 124 graduating and 101 attending the ceremony.
Launceston – 1385 graduating and 756 attending over three ceremonies.
Hobart – 1856 graduating and 1264 attending over three days of ceremonies (13 ceremonies in total).

For more general information about graduations, visit:

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

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