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## UTAS graduations kick off in Launceston

More than 1000 UTAS students will graduate in three ceremonies in Launceston's Albert Hall **tomorrow (Saturday 17 December 2011)**.

The ceremonies will be preceded by the annual Town and Gown procession.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Rathjen, congratulated the graduands.

"The university occupies a special place in the Northern community and that warmth and sense of support is something our institution greatly appreciates and cherishes.

"This support is never more evident than at graduations, where the university's staff and members of the community join together to celebrate the achievements of our graduands," he said.

"I congratulate all the graduands and hope they and their families and friends are very proud of what they have achieved."

### **Town and Gown procession:**

Students graduating in the December round of ceremonies will process through Launceston **tomorrow (Saturday 17 December at 10.30am)**. The procession is held before the 11am ceremony only, but all candidates graduating on the day are invited to participate.

At 10:30am the procession, with police escort and band, will move from Civic Square south along St John Street, east along Brisbane Street, and then through City Park, arriving at the Albert Hall at 10.45am.

### **Graduation facts:**

- Around 3,200 students will graduate in the December round of ceremonies.
- Of this number, around 2,300 will attend a graduation ceremony (ie, physically attend).
- The breakdown for campuses: 1,765 Hobart; 1,276 Launceston and 145 Cradle Coast.

**For more information on graduations and Town and Gown, visit:**

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

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**Launceston graduation ceremonies:**

Saturday 17 December 2011	11am	Australian Maritime College	<b>Launceston</b>
		Faculty of Business	Albert Hall
		Faculty of Science, Engineering & Technology	
		Allied research higher degrees	
	2:30pm	Faculty of Arts	<b>Launceston</b>
		Faculty of Education	Albert Hall
		Allied research higher degrees	
	5:30pm	Faculty of Health Science	<b>Launceston</b>
		Allied research higher degrees	Albert Hall