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Thursday 13 December 2018

Northern community gathers to celebrate graduands' success

The northern Tasmanian community will come together this Friday and Saturday to celebrate the achievements of thousands of University of Tasmania graduands.

Family and friends will join more than 2400 graduating students in Launceston as the University and broader community honour the dedication, commitment and hard work employed by students throughout their studies.

Ceremonies will take place on the 14 and 15 December at Albert Hall, with the iconic Town and Gown procession taking place at **10.15am on Saturday (15 December)**.

"Graduation marks an important time in a student's life, where joined by family and friends, they celebrate the success of learning and developing skills and experience which underpins lifelong education," University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black said.

"More than 5000 students are graduating over the next two weeks and will take with them an education which will prepare them for careers, both now and into the future.

"We offer them our congratulations and best wishes for the future."

Graduates from the Children's University Tasmania, an initiative of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, will lead the Town and Gown procession on Saturday followed by their official ceremony at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Students from Brooks High School, East Tamar Primary and Exeter and Invermay primary schools will participate in the event.

Burnie hosted the first round of summer graduations earlier this week with Hobart ceremonies being held next week (18-20 December).

For more information on Launceston graduation ceremonies visit <http://www.utas.edu.au/graduation/on-the-day/launceston-summer-graduation-2018>

Launceston ceremonies

Friday, 14 December

4.30pm: College of Health and Medicine

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Saturday, 15 December

10.15am: Town and Gown procession from Civic Square to the Albert Hall.

11am: College of Sciences and Engineering, including the Australian Maritime College and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Science
Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
University College
Graduate Research

2.30pm: College of Health and Medicine
College of Sciences and Engineering
Graduate Research

6pm: College of Arts, Law and Education
Graduate Research

**For the Town and Gown, students will be assembling at Civic Square, Launceston, from 9.45am. At 10.15am, the procession will depart alongside a police escort and band, heading to Albert Hall, Cnr Tamar and Cimitiere Streets, Launceston. The graduation ceremony will commence inside at 11am.*

Media information:

- Media are welcome to film and photograph the Launceston graduation.
- The ceremony is expected to last 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 Master's 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.

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