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Media Alert

Hobart ceremonies to wrap up summer graduation round

More than 2,500 students, surrounded by family and friends, will celebrate their graduations from the University of Tasmania in Hobart this week.

The Hobart ceremonies wrap up the summer graduation round, with more than 5,000 students graduating around the State.

The first day of ceremonies is **tomorrow, Tuesday, 17 December, at the Federation Concert Hall**, following the Town and Gown procession led by students participating in this year's Children's University Tasmania. Hobart ceremonies will continue **Wednesday, 18 December, and Thursday, 19 December**.

More information on Hobart graduation ceremonies is available at utas.edu.au/graduation/town-and-gown

Hobart ceremonies

Tuesday, 17 December

11 am: Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
2.30 pm: Tasmanian School of Business and Economics
6 pm: College of Sciences and Engineering

Wednesday, 18 December

10.30 am: College of Sciences and Engineering
2 pm: College of Health and Medicine; College of Sciences and Engineering
5.30 pm: College of Health and Medicine; College of Sciences and Engineering

Thursday, 19 December

10.30 am: College of Arts, Law and Education
2 pm: College of Arts, Law and Education; University College
5.30 pm: College of Arts, Law and Education

** For the Town and Gown, students will be gathering outside the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) at 9.30 am. At 9.45 am, they will assemble into the procession formation, which will depart the site at 10.15 am. The procession will head north along Castray Esplanade, into Morrison Street, right at the Elizabeth Street intersection, onto Franklin Wharf and then turning left towards Constitution Dock. The procession will then proceed over Victoria Dock Bridge, turning left onto Hunter Street, crossing Davey Street, arriving at the Federation Concert Hall at 10.30 am. The graduation ceremony will commence inside at 11 am.*

Media information:

- Media are welcome to film and photograph the Hobart 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;
- On Tuesday, the best times for media interviews and photos are between 9.30–10.15 am as students are assembling for the Town and Gown procession, or outside the Federation Concert Hall before, or after, the ceremony.

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