



## Graduation Ceremonies

### Do I have to attend the Graduation Ceremony to graduate?

You do not need to attend the ceremony to graduate from your course or obtain your official documentation. The ceremony is an opportunity to recognise your success and celebrate with your family, peers, and the College team.

### How do I register to attend the Graduation Ceremony?

You will be emailed an invitation to register to attend the Graduation Ceremony in May.

### What are the costs to attend the graduation?

The graduation package price for graduands is \$250, which includes:

- your ticket for the ceremony
- two (2) guest tickets (NB: additional guest tickets will be released once all students have had opportunity to secure places for themselves and their first two guests)
- hire of the academic gown you will wear during the ceremony
- professional photography of you receiving your award and a digital copy of this photo
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- a graduation program that you can keep which includes your name and award
- and, of course, the event itself including an exclusive graduates token from the College and light refreshments for you and your guests.

### Can I invite my friends and family?

Yes, we'd love to see you celebrate with your friends and family. Your ticket price includes two guest tickets. Additional guest tickets will be available for \$45 per guest, which includes the ceremony and light refreshments. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to bring their biggest supporters, additional guest seating will be released in a second round based on venue capacity. Tickets are required for children 2 and over (children under 2 are free if seated in a ticketed adult's lap).

### Do I have to wear the academic gown and mortarboard?

Yes, academic gowning and mortarboards are mandatory for graduands to wear at their Graduation Ceremony. When you register to attend, you will be asked to submit your measurements to ensure the correct size is provided for you. Our supplier will already know which course you have completed and so which gowning to provide to you.

### What is the dress code for graduands at the ceremony?

While you will be wearing an academic gown, your clothing will remain visible during the event. We recommend semi-formal or formal attire. Gowning will be black, with a coloured hood.

### Can I provide my own gown, or hire from another company?

No, in order to ensure everyone has the correct and matching gowning, graduands must wear the gowning provided by our preferred supplier.



## **Can I choose which parts of the graduation package I would like to purchase?**

In order to ensure the evening runs smoothly for everyone, the package details are the same for all graduands.

## **What time is the ceremony?**

Graduands are required to arrive at 1pm for the gowning process, photography and rehearsals. Guests arrive from 3pm with the ceremony starting at 3:30pm. You'll be asked to return your hired gown from 5pm as we finalise photography and depart by 6pm, and then you may wish to continue to celebrate with your guests and peers at another nearby location.

## **Can I get photos from the ceremony?**

A professional photographer will capture the ceremony and email you a high-resolution photo of you on stage receiving your award. They will also take a professional studio photo of you in your graduation attire, which will be emailed to you.

You can also elect to take other professional studio photos before and after the ceremony (including with your guests or other groups) which you can purchase from the photographer after the event. You're of course welcome to take your own photos during the reception too! The photographer will also offer other items for purchase, such as framing for your testamur and other graduation items.

## **Do I have to respond if I am not attending the Graduation Ceremony?**

No, you will only need to register if you wish to attend the ceremony.

## **Can I attend the Graduation Ceremony for a different year if that suits me better?**

Students who are not able to participate in their graduation year have the option to register via the registration portal to defer their ceremony to join the following year. Please note that a deferred students name will be recorded in the program for the year they graduate and not in the following year when they attend the ceremony.

## **Can I attend the Graduation Ceremony at a different location than where I studied?**

Yes, when the invitation is sent to you to register to attend the Graduation Ceremony, please contact us before registering to advise which Graduation Ceremony location you would like to attend.

## **From which courses do graduands attend the ceremony from?**

Graduands from the Bachelor Degrees and Higher Education Diplomas can attend the ceremony. Graduands from Undergraduate Certificates and VET qualifications do not attend the Graduation Ceremony.