

GAZETTE

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Summary of key activities

A. The Council has approved the University's tuition fees for 2026, which are available on the website: <https://divinity.edu.au/study/fees/>

D. Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies:

Adelaide: Thursday 12 February 2026

Melbourne: Friday 20 March 2026

Brisbane: Saturday 30 May 2026

1. Regulations and Schedules

Regulations are available on the University website at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/the-act-and-regulations/>

1.1 On 11 June 2025 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.1.1 *Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units:* Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation repealed with effect from 1 July 2025 (teach-out provisions in place).

1.1.2 *Regulation 10 Funds Governance:* all Fund Records revised to adjust administrative fee arrangements, providing flexibility in the event of major donations.

1.2 On 13 August the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

N/A

1.3 On 3 June 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Schedules to Regulations

N/A

1.4 On 5 August 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Schedules to Regulations

N/A

2. Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are available on the University website at

<http://www.divinity.edu.au/university-of-divinity/governance/policies-and-procedures/>

2.1 On 11 June 2025 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

N/A

2.2 On 13 August 2025 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.2.1 *Bursary Policy*: 6.4 maximum bursary amount increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

2.2.2 *Delegations Policy*: Annual review of Delegations Schedule, minor editorial amendments made.

2.2.3 *Fees Policy*: 2.3 deadline for setting tuition fees moved from 30 June to Semester 2 census date of the previous year.

2.2.4 *Travel Policy*: Cyclical review, major revisions to simplify, update and remove duplicate / redundant material.

2.3 On 3 June 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.3.1 *Unit Development Policy and Procedure*: New policy to replace current Unit Policy with effect 1 January 2026.

2.3.2 *Assessment Policy and Procedure*: Major revision, to replace current policy with effect 1 January 2026.

2.3.3 *Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure*: Major revision, to replace current policy with effect 1 January 2026.

2.3.4 *Higher Degree by Research Policy*: Section 7 supervisor criteria updated to allow fast-tracking of Principal Supervisors.

2.4 On 5 August 2025 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

N/A

3. Academic Appointments and Accreditations

3.1 Dr Val Billingham has been accredited through Whitley College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 20 May 2028.

3.2 Associate Professor Jon Billsberry has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 17 February 2028.

3.3 Ms Diana Blackburn has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Counselling at undergraduate level 3.

3.4 Ms Peggy Chau has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Counselling at postgraduate foundational level.

3.5 Ms Nancye Cottrell, of Australian Lutheran College, has been classified as Associate Lecturer (Level A).

3.6 Dr John Deane has been accredited through Trinity College Theological School to be appointed as an Honorary Research Associate until 29 May 2028.

- 3.7 Dr Charbel El-Khaissi has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 7 April 2030.
- 3.8 Dr Janette Elliott has been accredited through Yarra Theological Union to deliver units in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction at doctoral level, and units in Systematic Theology at postgraduate elective level
- 3.9 Dr Aaron Lane has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 6 January 2028.
- 3.10 The Reverend Binh Le has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver units in Canon Law at postgraduate elective level.
- 3.11 Dr Brandon Massey has been accredited through Wollaston Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 20 May 2028.
- 3.12 Dr Jennifer Otto has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Counselling at postgraduate elective level.
- 3.13 Dr Wu Kin Pan has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to be appointed as Honorary Research Associate until 4 December 2027.
- 3.14 Dr Albert Peck has been accredited through Whitley College to be appointed as an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate until 2 July 2029.
- 3.15 Professor Stephen Pickard has been accredited through St Francis College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 7 April 2028.
- 3.16 Dr Robin Ray has been accredited through St Francis College to deliver units in Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies at doctoral level.
- 3.17 Ms Kate Reimer has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Counselling at undergraduate level 3.
- 3.18 The Very Reverend John Salvano has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver units in Canon Law at postgraduate elective level.
- 3.19 Associate Professor Geoff Thompson has been accredited through Pilgrim Theological College to be appointed as Honorary Research Fellow until 15 April 2028.
- 3.20 Associate Professor Robyn Wrigley-Carr has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver the unit CH8002W: Patterns in the Practice of Spirituality.

4. Governance and Other Appointments

- 4.1 Dr Jeanette Baird was reappointed as a member of the University Council for a term of three years commencing 1 January 2026 in accordance with section 7 (1) (d) of the University of Divinity Act 1910 (Vic).

5. Other Matters

- 5.1 Mr Barthez Ng concluded his appointment as Student Services Assistant in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor on

- 5.2 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on 30 September 2025.