GAZETTE
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Note: The Office of the Vice-Chancellor will be closed for the Easter break (Western Rite), from Friday 3 April to Tuesday 7 April inclusive.

Summary of key activities

A. 228 students receiving 236 awards graduated from the University at the Melbourne graduation ceremony, held at St Paul's Cathedral on 20 March. Revd Dr Bruce Kaye AM, who received the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa), gave the graduation address.

B. The 2025 Financial Statements were approved by Council for submission to the Parliament of Victoria as part of the Annual Report, on 26 March 2025.

C. Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies:
Perth: Thursday 30 April 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 February 2026 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

N/A

1.2 On 11 March 2026 the Council approved the following Regulations and Schedules to Regulations

1.2.1 *Regulation 10 Funds Governance:* Fund Record 17 (The Grail First Nations Women's Theology and Spirituality Perpetual Fund) approved.

1.3 On 17 February 2026 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

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2.1 On 11 February 2026 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.1.1 *Election and Nomination Policy:* Cyclical review. Key change is to replace use of Australian parliamentary systems in electoral processes with a bespoke model better suited to small voting populations.

2.1.2 *Council Member Policy:* Cyclical Review. Key change is around codifying Council's preference to have at least one Indigenous member, where possible.

2.1.3 *Conflict of Interest Policy:* Cyclical Review, minor amendments.

2.2 On 11 March 2026 the Council approved the following Policies and Procedures

N/A

2.3 On 17 February 2026 the Academic Board approved the following Policies and Procedures

2.3.1 *Academic Staff Policy:* Major revision of section 9 (Academic Classifications and Promotions) and addition of Schedule A: Evidence of Achievement for Academic Promotion.

2.3.2 *Higher Degree by Research Policy:* Revisions to reflect changes in the Higher Education Support (Commonwealth Scholarships) Guidelines 2025, including paid leave entitlements for Research Stipend Scholarship holders.

3. Academic Appointments and Accreditations

3.1 Thomas Brennen has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Educational Studies at Postgraduate Foundational level.

3.2 Matt Cairns has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver the units, AR1112B / AR8112B – Learning for Life and Ministry and CT8109B Discovering Christian Theology.

3.3 Revd Dr Cassius Correya has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver units in Systematic Theology at Postgraduate Elective level

3.4 Revd Dr Allan Demond has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in Liturgy at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.5 Revd Dr Hoa Dinh has been accredited through Catholic Theological College to deliver units in Moral Theology at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.6 Sarah Do has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in Systematic Theology at Diploma level.

3.7 Revd Professor Brian Douglas has been accredited through St Barnabas College to deliver units in Systematic Theology at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.8 Revd Dr Cathie Lambert has been accredited through Uniting College for Leadership and Theology to deliver units in Spiritual Care at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.9 Major Sandra McLean has been accredited through Eva Burrows College to deliver the unit DP3107B / DP9107B – Creating Faith Pathways, and has been classified as Associate Lecturer (Level A).

3.10 Revd Dr Andrew Mitchell has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in Systematic Theology and Church History at Postgraduate Elective level.

3.11 Dr Titus Olorunnisola has been accredited through Whitley College to deliver units in Mission and Ministry at Postgraduate Elective level, and to deliver the unit DP9734W – Human Research Methodologies.

3.12 Linda Russell has been accredited through Australian Lutheran College to deliver units in Counselling at Postgraduate Foundational level.

4. Governance and Other Appointments

4.1 Associate Professor Adam Bowles has been appointed as an external member of the Academic Board, for a term commencing 11 March 2026 and concluding 31 December 2028, in accordance with Regulation 2.3.1(b).

4.2 Dr Amy Isham has been appointed as a member of the Learning and Teaching Committee for a term of two years, commencing immediately and concluding 31 December 2027, in accordance with Schedule 2.1.7 of Regulation 2 Academic Board.

4.3 Ms Sharon Lockwood has been appointed as Respect and Safety Project Manager in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, commencing 25 February 2026.

4.4 Emeritus Professor Gabrielle McMullen has been reappointed to the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee for a term of three years commencing 11 February 2026 and concluding 31 December 2028, in accordance with Schedule 4.1.2 of Regulation 1 Council.

4.5 Mr Terry McCredden has been reappointed to the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee for a term of three years commencing 11 February 2026 and concluding 31 December 2028, in accordance with Schedule 4.1.2 of Regulation 1 Council.

4.6 Revd Dr Joan Riley has been appointed as a member of the People and Culture Committee for a term commencing 11 February 2026 and concluding 31 December 2028, in accordance with Schedule 3.1.4 of Regulation 1 Council.

4.7 Major Dr Catherine Spiller has been appointed as a member of the People and Culture Committee for a term commencing 11 February 2026 and concluding 31 December 2027, in accordance with Schedule 3.1.5 of Regulation 1 Council.

4.8 Revd Dr Tim Stringer has been appointed as a member of the Governance Committee for a term commencing 11 February 2026 and concluding 31 December 2028, in accordance with Schedule 2.1.4 of Regulation 1 Council.

5. Other Matters

5.1 An Academic Board Bulletin, covering matters discussed at Academic Board meetings but not yet resulting in policy change, has been introduced, and will be circulated to staff shortly after each Academic Board meeting.

5.2 The next edition of the Gazette will be published within six weeks of the Academic Board meeting on 21 April 2026.