



# ED NEWS

FACULTY OF EDUCATION  
LATROBE UNIVERSITY

Volume 3: Issue 2

29 January 2007

We now have several new staff members in the Faculty and we welcome them all. The new staff members and their areas of expertise are as follows:

- Jenny Masters—Education Innovation
- Jan Alexander—Literacy in Education
- Donna Martin—Mathematics
- David Beagley—Literacy in Education
- Di Itter—Mathematics
- Jan Hardman—Applied Linguistics
- Julie White—Issues in Education
- Gregory Powell—ICT & Learning Technologies
- Michelle Cartledge—Admin Assistant

We also welcome back Genny Blades and Natasha Katoa.

We have been successful in obtaining professorial start-up funds for each of the three professorial positions within the Faculty. Guidelines for use of these funds have been prepared and will support a variety of activities for staff in areas of research and learning and teaching. We are grateful to the Acting Vice Chancellor for approving this funding for a three year period. We are also fortunate in having a staff member, Mary Burston, appointed 0.5 across the Faculty to assist staff with a variety of research related activities. The funding for this 0.5 of Mary's time has been provided through the Office of the PVC (Research) and the Faculty Office. Heads of School will confer with Mary as to how best to utilize her time and talents across the Faculty as a whole.

We are currently designing a Graduate Diploma in Education (Middle Years) to be introduced at the Shepparton Campus in place of the Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary). This responds to the community need in Shepparton for Secondary and Middle Years teachers. This is an exciting new program which incorporates contemporary course descriptions and delivery principles and keeps our Faculty competitive in an increasingly challenging

higher education context.

Thank you to all staff who have been involved in selection and enrolment processes. We are moving towards reaching targets but still have a way to go in all areas. The high rate of deferral in undergraduate degrees (largely stimulated by Commonwealth government policy) makes the process of offers to students extremely uncertain and fraught. In the areas of international and postgraduate enrolments there is still a significant shortfall which we will attempt to address. Mid year intakes may be critical in meeting our targets for both Commonwealth Supported Places and fee paying places.

I am meeting with the incoming Vice Chancellor next week and will discuss with him the proposed changes to the Faculty Structure as from 2008. Once I have his approval to move ahead with the new directions, I will be providing details of proposals to all staff for comment and discussion prior to a formal Organizational Change Impact Statement (OCIS) being issued during Semester One.

There are many exciting new directions and opportunities for the future and 2007 promises to be a critical year of transition to position the Faculty strongly within the University as a whole.

For the first two weeks of February I will be on recreation leave and Professor Vaughan Prain will be Acting Dean. Thanks to all for a smooth start to 2007.

*Lorraine M. Ling*