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RESEARCH PROGRESS PANELS POLICY

Purpose/ objectives	Establish Research Progress Panels (RPP) to support higher degrees by research candidates and their supervisors.
Scope/ Application	<p>This policy applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All campuses • All higher degrees by research: Doctor of Philosophy, professional doctorates by research and masters by research • All candidates of the above degrees, their supervisors, Research Progress Panels, Postgraduate Coordinators, Heads of School/Discipline/Unit; all other staff concerned with the administration, teaching and any other aspect of higher degrees by research, faculty higher degrees or research committees and the Higher Degrees Committee (Research)
Policy Statement	<p>A Research Progress Panel (RPP) will consist of the principal supervisor, co-supervisor and at least one other person (but not more than three others). At least one member of the RPP will be a full-time member of staff of La Trobe University.</p> <p>The chair of an RPP will not normally be one of the candidate's supervisors</p> <p>The RPP will support the candidate's work and supervision, monitor his/her progress and make recommendations to the Head of School/Discipline/Unit or Postgraduate Coordinator when required.</p> <p>Full-time candidates will meet with their RPP not less than twice each year and part-time candidates not less than once a year. Depending on circumstances, candidates may meet with the RPP up to four times each year.</p> <p>For professional doctorate students meetings may not be required until coursework is completed.</p> <p>In addition, a student is free to consult at other times with any members of the RPP on research, career or pastoral matters.</p>
Supporting Procedures	Research Progress Panels Procedure
Responsibility for implementation	Supervisors Postgraduate Coordinators Heads of Schools
Responsibility for monitoring implementation and compliance	Postgraduate Coordinators Heads of Schools Faculty higher degrees or research committees Higher Degrees Committee (Research)
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Definitions	
Related legislation	Academic Progress Statute 2009
Related Policy and other documents	Supervision of Research Students Policy (131003P) Higher Degrees by Research Milestones, Reporting and Confirmation of Candidature Policy
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