# MCD UNIVERSITY of DIVINITY





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Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor 14 March 2013

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#### LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ALC	Australian Lutheran College
APA	Australian Postgraduate Award
ASHER	Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories
BMin	Bachelor of Ministry
BTheol	Bachelor of Theology
стс	Catholic Theological College
СТЅ	Commercialisation Training Scheme
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DF&A(R)	Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar)
DIISRTE	Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
DMinStuds	Doctor of Ministry Studies
DTheol	Doctor of Theology
EFTSL	Effective Fulltime Student Load
ESOS	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000
FEE-HELP	Federal Education Entitlement - Higher Education Loan Program
HDR	Higher Degree by Research
HREC	Human Research Ethics Committee
IAP	Implementation Assistance Program
IGS	Institutional Grant Scheme
IPRS	International Postgraduate Research Scholarship
JRE	Joint Research Engagement
MCD	MCD University of Divinity
MDiv	Master of Divinity
Mgr	Monsignor
MTheol	Master of Theology
MTS	Master of Theological Studies
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
PG	Postgraduate
PSMEA	Public Sector Management and Employment Act (1998)
RTI	Recognised Teaching Institution
RTS	Research Training Scheme
SABC	Salvation Army Catherine Booth College
SRE	Sustainable Research Excellence
TAMS	Theological Academic Management System
TEQSA	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Authority
UFT	United Faculty of Theology
UG	Undergraduate
YTU	Yarra Theological Union

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## The annual report of **MCD University of Divinity** is prepared in accordance with:

AAS	Australian Accounting Standards
AASB	Australian Accounting Standards Board
DEEWR	Commonwealth Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
DIISRTE	Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
ESOS	Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000
ETRA 2006	Education and Training Reform Act 2006
FMA	Financial Management Act 1994
FRD	A-IFRS Financial Reporting Directions
PAEC	Decision of Public Accounts and Estimates Committee of Parliament
RUG	Victorian Government response to the Review of University Governance
SD	Standing Directions of the Minister for Finance issued under the Financial Management Act 1994

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# Section A: Report of Operations



# Chancellor's statement

CD University of Divinity commenced operations under its new title on 1 January 2012 with three aims:

- the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor;
- fulfilment of requirements of the VRQA Approval Panel in relation to quality assurance; and
- the passage of a strategic plan.

All three aims were achieved in 2012.

Professor Paul Beirne retired in April 2012 after 11 years as Dean of the Melbourne College of Divinity, during which time he led the institution through a major overhaul of its Act of Parliament, and its full participation in tertiary education quality assurance processes. His tenure culminated in the successful approval of MCD's application to become the first Australian University of Specialisation. His service to MCD was marked by the award of the title Professor Emeritus at the 2012 Conferral Ceremony.

Professor Peter Sherlock was appointed as the inaugural Vice-Chancellor by Council at its meeting on 30 December 2011 and a public announcement made on 11 January 2012. Professor Sherlock previously held the post of Dean of the United Faculty of Theology within MCD for four years, and brings with him a reputation for outstanding academic performance as an historian and for service and leadership within the Church. He took up his appointment in April 2012.

A key issue for Council in 2012 was ensuring that four reporting requirements set by the VRQA Approval Panel as part of MCD's new status were addressed by the end of the year. This was achieved through two changes in academic governance.

In June 2012, a review panel including a retired Vice-Chancellor reported to Council with recommendations for a major reform of MCD's Academic Board. Following consultation with the Academic Board, regulatory changes were made with effect from 1 January 2013. The new Academic Board will include the chief academic officer of each College to ensure a direct line of communication and regulation exists to support excellence in academic standards across all parts of MCD.

At the same time, the Academic Audit Committee was dissolved and reconstituted as the Academic Quality and Standards Committee of Academic Board. This Committee has a renewed brief to monitor evidence and advise Academic Board on quality assurance. Under Professor Sherlock's leadership, and with the guidance of the Strategic Planning Committee, a consultation process began in June 2012 with a view to shaping a renewed vision and mission for MCD University of Divinity. This engaged stakeholders from the Colleges and their supporting churches and religious orders, not least their staff. At its December 2012 meeting, Council adopted a new Vision and Mission Statement, along with five Graduate Attributes and ten Strategic Goals. A final detailed Strategic Plan will be presented to Council in early 2013 for approval.

The new Vision represents MCD's commitment to its proud history of critical investigation of Christian theology and its renewed focus on public engagement:

Together we empower our learning community to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

Dr Graeme L Blackman OAM Chancellor

# Vice-Chancellor's statement



In 2012, MCD University of Divinity commenced the task of establishing itself as an Australian University of Specialisation. This task required both honouring the long history of excellence of the Melbourne College of Divinity, and implementing reforms to transform the institution so that this excellence would continue to grow and serve MCD University of Divinity into the future.

Critical to these reforms was identifying what MCD is, and how it can consolidate its new position in the Australian higher education and international theological education sectors to serve its interests. There can be no question that MCD has several advantages in the contemporary climate, first and foremost among which is the benefits which flow from the generous resources and support provided by its industry partners, the churches and religious orders, without which it would not exist.

The year began with a welcome to two new Colleges into the University, following several years of preparation and the signing of formal agreements. Both contribute new dimensions to MCD. St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College is a new theological college, serving the Coptic Orthodox Church under the leadership of Bishop Anba Suriel, and bringing a welcome eastern rite perspective into the University. Morling College, a Baptist College located in Sydney, now offers MCD's research degrees, extending the University's geographical presence and constituting a new form of partnership with a well-established higher education provider.

The major reform was one of culture and identity. In 2012, the concept of a collegiate University was adopted as the model for MCD's structure, one well-known internationally but not previously found in Australia. This involved a change of terminology - 'recognised teaching institutions' are now known as Colleges of the University - and a clarification of practice: no student or member of academic staff is enrolled or accredited except through an association with a College. The University is therefore no more and no less than its Colleges, while each College both contributes to and benefits from the resources of the whole University.

One of the chief benefits of the collegiate system is that every student studies within a learning community that aspires to build relationships and integrate the elements of a university education into something greater than the sum of its parts.

This concept of a collegiate University found immediate expression in the outcome of the review of the Academic Board. As well as ensuring the Board reflected the best principles of academic governance so that it can

safeguard academic standards and monitor quality assurance, the reforms (which will take effect in 2013) make the chief academic officer of each College a member of the Board. This means that Colleges have a direct voice and vote in decisions about academic policy and strategy, and are part of the conversation that forms those decisions.

In 2012, the University implemented academic staff classifications using a five-level scheme common in Australian Universities. A policy was adopted by Council on the advice of Academic Board, and all existing academic staff were invited to apply for initial classification. An exacting assessment process was conducted by a working party of three external academics at professorial level and three internal academics, and signed off by Academic Board and Council. The result was the appointment of 10 Professors, 13 Associate Professors, and 37 Senior Lecturers, representing the many traditions and disciplines that make up MCD and the field of theology. An ongoing classification and promotion policy is now in place ensuring the achievements of all staff are appropriately recognised and excellence in teaching, research, leadership and engagement celebrated by the University.

Other highlights of 2012 included:

- the first Conferral Ceremony as an Austration University of Specialisation
- submission of an application for Renewal of Registration to TEQSA, as one of the first group of Universities in Australia to undergo this process
- achievement of a '3' in the Excellence in Research Australia results for 2012, classifying MCD's research as 'at world standard'

Finally, in December 2012, Council adopted a new Vision and Mission statement together with 10 Strategic Goals. These form the basis of a detailed Strategic and Operational Plan to be approved and implemented early in 2013.

At the heart of the renewed vision is the University's obligation to offer its theological expertise for the good of the societies and regions in which it is located. How can MCD University of Divinity best serve its students, meet the needs of its partner churches and religious orders, and contribute to the quality and focus of public debate in Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region?

To put it simply, how can MCD demonstrate that theology matters? This will be a central challenge for the next three years, one which I welcome.

**Professor Peter Sherlock** Vice-Chancellor

## Governance

MCD University of Divinity is constituted by the Melbourne College of Divinity Act 1910. Under the provisions of the Act, it exists as twelve Colleges, arranged as ten 'recognised teaching institutions'. These are:

Australian Lutheran College

Catholic Theological College

Morling College (research degrees only)

St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College

Salvation Army Catherine Booth College

Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation

Stirling Theological College

The United Faculty of Theology, a partnership of

- Jesuit Theological College
- Trinity College Theological School
- Uniting Church Theological College (Synod of Victoria and Tasmania)

#### Whitley College

Yarra Theological Union

Ten Colleges are located in Victoria, one in South Australia, and one in New South Wales.

The University is overseen by a Council, appointed under the Melbourne College of Divinity Act. The Council resources the work of the whole University through activities such as the appointment of a Vice-Chancellor, approval and monitoring of an annual budget, and making Regulations.

All academic matters are overseen by an Academic Board in accordance with the MCD Act. Its composition and Terms of Reference are determined by the Council through Regulation 2. The Board is accountable to Council and reports to it through the Chair of the Academic Board, who is a member of Council.

The University directly employs senior executive officers and administrative staff to facilitate the work of the Council, Board and Colleges. The Colleges employ academic staff who are responsible for teaching, research and research training, engagement, and curriculum development, and administrative staff who provide enrolment and student support services.

## History

In 1910 the Melbourne College of Divinity is founded by Act of the Victorian Parliament to provide for the 'conferring of degrees diplomas and certificates in divinity'. This is in response to the exclusion of divinity from the University of Melbourne since its foundation, and follows decades of unsuccessful attempts by the churches to have this exclusion removed. MCD operates primarily as an examination body. A Registrar coordinates the setting, marking, and moderation of annual examination papers in centres across Australia and New Zealand for the Bachelor of Divinity and Licentiate in Theology. A doctorate in Divinity is also awarded as a research degree. Later a Master of Theology (1956) and a Doctor of Theology (1972) are added.

Beginning with revision of the Act in 1972, MCD expands from being purely an examination body into a network of accredited teaching colleges, largely based in Melbourne but with national and international reach. The Bachelor of Theology commences, creating a focus on teaching as well as examining for MCD. The role of Dean is created.

From 1990, research and postgraduate coursework come to prominence, with a greater focus on coordination across the teaching institutions (Ministry Studies, and the instigation of a research MA and PhD). The BD is phased out in favour of new postgraduate coursework awards (GradCerts, GradDips, Masters), while new undergraduate awards are created (Diplomas, a Bachelor of Ministry). MCD begins receiving Commonwealth funding for research in 2002, followed by access to FEE-HELP loans for coursework students.

In 2005 the MCD Act undergoes major revision to reform its governance and academic structures, including the creation of a single Academic Board, and is audited by the Australian Universities Quality Agency. From 2005 to 2012, MCD grows significantly through addition of four new 'Recognised Teaching Institutions' and the transformation of a Centre into a College (Sentir).

Following changes to the framework of the Australian higher education system, in 2010 MCD applies successfully to become Australia's first University of Specialisation. The Melbourne College of Divinity commences operation as MCD University of Divinity on 1 January 2012. A Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, and Vice-Chancellor are appointed, and the name of the institution is altered in Table B of the Higher Education Support Act by the Commonwealth. The 'Recognised Teaching Institutions' become known as 'Colleges' of the University. A Strategic Plan is adopted, major reform of the Academic Board is implemented, and MCD is among the first group of Universities to undergo renewal of registration by the new, national regulator, the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency.

#### Objectives, functions, powers and duties

The primary purpose of the University is to be a higher education provider offering awards in divinity and its associated disciplines. The purposes of the University are set out in section 4 of the MCD Act:

- a) the pursuit of the highest standards in teaching and research in Divinity and associated disciplines;
- b) the offering to scholars and students of Divinity of the opportunity to anchor faith in understanding, and in a spirit of dialogue to engage with society;
- c) to respect, encourage, challenge and inform students who come to the College to learn;

- d) to respond to the academic needs of the churches, and to promote their integrity;
- e) to address issues from a sound and reasoned theological viewpoint and to offer society opportunities for dialogue with traditions and values that have been refined over centuries;
- f) to aid, by research and other appropriate means, the advancement and development of knowledge and its practical application to the churches, wider academic and community life, and public policy;
- g) to confer degrees, diplomas and certificates and other awards in Divinity and associated disciplines.

Council is responsible for establishing and working towards a Vision and Mission for MCD, that pursues the objects specified in the Act. The Vision and Mission in effect during 2012 is set out below.

## Vision

Recognised nationally and internationally, the Melbourne College of Divinity commits to pursuing the highest standards in teaching and research in Christian theology and ministry. The College offers scholars and students alike the opportunity to anchor their faith in understanding and in a spirit of dialogue to engage with other religious traditions and wider social contexts.

## Mission

The Melbourne College of Divinity is an ecumenical provider of quality tertiary education in the field of Divinity and associated disciplines, with commitment to

- quality in teaching and research
- the understanding of faith in secular contexts, and
- the integrity of the Christian churches

Studies in Theology and Divinity involve reflection and knowledge (logos) about God (theos) or the divine. Key disciplines include Philosophy, Biblical Studies (including the Hebrew and Greek languages), Systematic Theology, Church History, Moral Theology and Ethics, Liturgy, Pastoral Studies, Religious Education and other areas of Applied Theology such as Spirituality and Counselling. These studies endeavour to assist students to examine their own convictions and to integrate them with a rational view and lifestyle. This blend of objective and subjective learning has characterised the MCD since its inception.

## New Vision and Mission

In December 2012, Council adopted a new Strategic Plan, Strengthening a Collegiate University. This incorporates a new Vision and Mission statement and 5 Graduate Attributes, to take effect from 1 January 2013, as well as 10 key goals for the years 2013 through 2015.



#### Vision

Together we empower our learning community to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

#### Mission

We fulfil our vision through:

- excellence in learning, teaching, and research,
- stewardship of our resources, and
- engagement with the churches and community in Australia and internationally.

We demonstrate how to live in unity with diversity.

#### Colleges of MCD University of Divinity in 2012

Australian Lutheran College (ALC) 104 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide SA 5006 (08) 8267 7400 email: alc@alc.edu.au

website: www.alc.edu.au

As the post-secondary education provider of the Lutheran Church of Australia, ALC is shaping tomorrow's pastors, teachers and church workers who will think imaginatively about issues that affect all of life in the church and the world. They are learning to think faithfully and vitally about life and faith in the light of biblical and church teaching, and be effective spiritual leaders, educators, and workers who bring life and renewal in the church and communities they serve.

Catholic Theological College (CTC)

278 Victoria Parade (PO Box 146), East Melbourne 8002 (03) 9412 3333 email: ctc@ctc.edu.au website: www.ctc.edu.au

CTC was established in 1972 by a group of dioceses and religious orders which agreed to act together as a confederated body in academic matters. This federation currently comprises the archdioceses of Melbourne and Hobart, the dioceses of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Conventual Franciscan Friars, and the Dominican Friars. CTC is committed to the highest standards of teaching and research in philosophy and theology, within the Catholic tradition. It shares in the Church's mission to spread the Gospel, and provides academic formation for people committed to the pastoral service of the Church.

#### Morling College

120 Herring Road, Macquarie Park NSW 2113 (02) 9878 0201 email: enquiries@morling.edu.au website: www.morling.nsw.edu.au

Morling College was established in 1916 to train pastors for the Baptist Churches of NSW and the ACT. It has continued to do this ever since, but it has also come over the years to provide theological education for a wide variety of people and for a wide variety of purposes, and has moved into the training of counsellors and teachers. Morling College is evangelical in its theology, and it values spiritual formation, practical experience and intellectual rigour. MCD University of Divinity's higher degrees by research are available to Morling College students.

Salvation Army Catherine Booth College (SABC) 303 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052 (03) 9347 0299 email: sabc@aus.salvationarmy.org website: www.sabc.edu.au

Although the SABC ministry focuses on the training of Salvation Army officers, MCD units are open for enrolment to anyone. The College seeks to prepare people who know God, know themselves, and know their mission. An integrated application of personal spiritual formation, structured educational grounding and focused skills development offers realistic and effective preparation for the lifelong learning process.

Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation 99 Studley Park Road, Kew 3101 (03) 9854 8110 email: smithm@mira.net website: www.icspf.edu.au

Sentir is based on a partnership between the WellSpring Centre, Ashburton, and the Campion Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Kew, and offers specialist graduate courses in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction. The priorities of Sentir include the study of the Christian tradition of spirituality, and providing opportunities for ongoing research and praxis in specific spiritual traditions. The College is supported by the Carmelite Library.

St Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College 88-154 Park Road, Donvale 3111 PO Box 1153, Mitcham North 3132 (03) 9874 0388 Email: registrar@sacotc.org website: www. sacotc.vic.edu.au

His Holiness Pope Shenouda III of blessed memory established St Athanasius in 2000 through a papal decree. It is the leading Coptic Orthodox Theological institution in Australasia, and the first Coptic Orthodox Theological College in the world to receive accreditation. St Athanasius became a College of MCD University of Divinity on 7 December 2011. St Athanasius is committed to endowing its students with a deep appreciation and understanding of Orthodox Christianity and Coptic heritage, through scholarship, research and the pursuit of academic excellence following the tradition of the Catechetical School of Alexandria. The College provides academic formation for clergy and laity who serve the Church and also to those who wish to further their theological knowledge

Stirling Theological College 44-60 Jacksons Road, Mulgrave 3170 (03) 9790 1000 email: admin@stirling.edu.au website: www.stirling.edu.au

Stirling, the College of the National Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia, was established in 1907. The College is both evangelical and ecumenical in approach to theology and faith, and has a passion to receive and share the good news of God in Christ. Stirling delights in having Christians from different backgrounds to enrich the life of the community.

United Faculty of Theology (UFT) 29 College Crescent, Parkville 3052 (03) 9340 8890 email: admin@uft.edu.au website: www.uft.edu.au

UFT is a co-operative venture in theological education involving three independent theological institutions using a common timetable who share staff and teaching facilities: Jesuit Theological College (Roman Catholic), Trinity College Theological School (Anglican) and the Uniting Church in Australia (Synod of Victoria and Tasmania) Theological College. UFT has provided ecumenically based education and research since 1969. Some students are preparing for ordination or lay ministry. However, UFT also welcomes those wishing to pursue the study of theology without any necessary commitment to the church or to its ministry.

#### Whitley College

50 The Avenue, Parkville 271 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052 (03) 9340 8100 email: whitley@whitley.unimelb.edu.au website: www.whitley.unimelb.edu.au

Whitley College is the Baptist College of Victoria and a residential college of the University of Melbourne. A wide range of theological studies are possible at Whitley, whose mission is to equip women and men for leadership in church and society. Since 1891 Whitley has been a college marked by academic excellence, a strong sense of Christian purpose and a lively community. Yarra Theological Union (YTU) 98 Albion Road (PO Box 79) Box Hill 3128 (03) 9890 3771 email: admin@ytu.edu.au website: www.ytu.edu.au YTU is an Institution arising from the cooperation of a number of provinces of religious institutes: Blessed Sacrament Congregation, Divine Word Missionaries, Discalced Carmelites, Franciscans (OFM), and Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Pallottines, Passionists, and Redemptorists (Australia and New Zealand). As a centre of theological and ministerial education, YTU is initially concerned for students from the member institutes, and also accepts responsibility to provide such education for others. The ministerial aspect of the YTU program is not restricted to formation for priestly ministry.

#### Council

The Council of MCD University of Divinity is constituted by sections 7 and 8 of the MCD Act.

In 2012 there were 16 members, 7 internal and 9 external (that is, persons neither employed by the Council or Colleges nor an enrolled student of the University). Eleven members are appointed directly by ecclesial institutions associated with the Colleges (Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Uniting Church). Three members are appointed by Council, and 2 are ex officio (the Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Academic Board). The Council is chaired by the Chancellor who is appointed for a 3-year term and must be an external member of the Council.

The Council operates in accordance with the powers and responsibilities granted to it by the MCD Act, and its self-regulation through the Regulations it adopts. These functions were enhanced in 2012 by the adoption of a Council Charter which sets out the obligations and responsibilities to which Council members adhere. The Charter establishes provisions for the induction and professional development of Council members, to ensure the governing body of MCD meets its responsibilities to a high standard.

In 2012, key strategic activities overseen by the Council included:

- Transition through the retirement of Professor Paul Beirne as Dean to the commencement of Professor Peter Sherlock as Vice-Chancellor
- Major review of Academic Board governance and membership
- · Implementation of academic staff classifications across the University
- Submission of an application for Renewal of Registration to TEQSA on 1 October
- Consultation, development and approval of a Strategic Plan 2013-2015
- Consolidation of the collegiate structure of the University

During 2012 Council welcomed Professor Margaret Jackson as a new Council-appointed member, and at its final meeting farewelled 2 retiring members of Council, Professor Christiaan Mostert and Associate Professor Frank Rees.

## Register of Council of Members

Other relevant qualifications and / or experience	Com- Higher mercial Ed'n	Yes Yes BSc, BD, MTheol, PhD; Chairman, IDT Australia Ltd; Chairman, National Trust of Australia (Victoria); Chairman, National Stem Cell Foundation of Australia; Board Member, Medicines Australia; Council Member, Trinity College University of Melbourne; Board Member, Benetas.	<ul> <li>Yes BA, BMIn, DMIn, DMIn, Principal, Stirling Theological College; Member, Stirling Theological College Board.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes MA, MDIV, DMIn, PhD; Chair, Council of Deans of Theology (Australasia): Council Member of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes BA(Hons), MA, DPhil; Member, Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral; Director, Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools.</li> </ul>	o Yes CSsR, BTheol, STM, MEd, PhD; Member, Academic Board of Yarra Theological Union; Member, Council of Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation, Executive Member, Victorian Association of Theological Field Education; Treasurer, Australian Catholic Theological Association; Executive Secretary, ASIOC Committee.	Yes Yes FCPA, DipFinMgt, BA, BEd, BTheol, MCorn, MBA, MEc, PhD; formerly Pro Vice-Chancellor (Business), RMIT University; Board Member and Honorary Treasurer, Uniting Care Community Options; Member, UCA Assembly Reception of Ministers Committee; Board Member, UCA Centre for Theology and Ministry.	<ul> <li>Yes BEd, BA (Hons) MA, PhD; Emeritus Professor, Australian Catholic University; Member, Senate of the Catholic Theological College.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ves BEd, STL, STD; Board Member, Greythorn Primary School Board, St Bridget's Parish; Council Greythorn Parish Member, St Bridget's Parish; Senate Member, Catholic Theological College, Academic Board Member, Catholic Theological</li> </ul>
Expertise	Finance C	Yes	°Z °Z	°Z Z	°Z V	o Z	Yes	°Z Z	°N N
MP or E MLA	<u>  u.</u>	≻ °Z	o Z	o Z	o Z	°Z	o Z	o Z	No N
Mode of appoint- ment		External, appointed by the Anglican Church	Internal, appointed by the Churches of Christ	ex officio	ex officio	ex officio	External, appointed by Council	External, appointed by the Roman Catholic Church	Internal, appointed by the Roman Catholic Church
Term of current	appointment	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2014	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	11 years end- ing 15 Apr 2012	5 years end- ing 15 Apr 2017	2 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2014	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012
Date of first appointment	(years on body)	1989 (22)	6 May 2010 (2)	1 Apr 2001 (11)	16 Apr 2012 (0)	18 Mar 2009 (3)	10 Feb 2010 (2)	3 Aug 2006 (6)	31 Dec 1995 (16)
on on ning	boay	Chancellor	Deputy Chancellor	Dean and CEO	Vice- Chancellor	Chair of the Academic Board	Honorary Treasurer	Council	Council
Full Name		1 Dr Graeme Leslie Blackman OAM	2 Rev Dr Andrew Frank Menzies	3 Prof Paul Leo Beirne (until 15 April)	4 Prof Peter David Sherlock (from 16 April)	5 Rev Assoc Prof Michael Andrew Kelly	6 Emeritus Prof Sheila Bellamy	7 Emeritus Prof Peter Gregory Carpenter	8 Rev Msgr Dr Terence Robert Curtin

Full Name	Position on Governing	Date of first appointment	Term of current ap-	Mode of appointment	MP or MLA	Expertise			Other relevant qualifications and / or experience
	Body	(years on body)	pointment			Finance	Com- mercial	Higher Ed'n	
Rev John Reuben Henderson	Council	21 Jun 2011 (1)	3 years ending 31 December 2013	Internal, appointed by the Lutheran Church of Australia	o Z	Yes	2 Z	e Z	BTh, MTh; Principal, Australian Lutheran College; Member, Lutheran Church of Australia Commission on Theology and Interchurch Relations, and the Australian Roman Catholic/ Lutheran Dialogue.
Prof Margaret Anne Jackson	Council	21 Jun 2012 (0)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2014	External, appointed by Council	0 Z	oZ	0 Z	Yes	LLB, GradDipContEd, MABus, PhD; Professor, Graduate School of Business and Law College of Business RMIT; Senior Research Fellow, CRC for Smart Services.
Very Rev Dr Jost Andreas Loewe	Council	23 Aug 2010 (2)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2013	External, appointed by the Anglican Church	0 Z	° Z	<sup>0</sup> Z	Yes	BA(Hons), MA, MPhil, PhD, FRHistS, Dean of Melbourne (St Paul's Cathedral); Council member, Anglican Diocese of Melbourne; Council Member, Melbourne Girls' Grammar School.
Mr Robert John Morsillo	Council	28 Apr 2010 (2)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	External, appointed by the Baptist Union of Victoria	°Z	°Z	2 Z	¥es	BSc, BD, GradDipComDevl, DipPubPol, MA(Comms); Group Manager Consumer Affairs, Telstra; Research Fellow, ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation.
Rev Prof Christiaan Mostert	Council	1994 (17)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	Internal, appointed by the Uniting Church	°Z	°Z	°Z	Yes	BA, BD(Hons), MA, PhD; Professor of Systematic Theology, Uniting Church Theological College: Council Member, Ormond College University of Melbourne: Member, HREC Committee, Epworth Healthcare.
Ms Suzanne Norman	Council	26 April 2006 (6)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2014	External, appointed by the Uniting Church	oz	Yes	Yes	° Z	BA, DipEd, BBus, CPA, AdvDip, Australian Institute of Company Directors; Director, Wesley Mission Victoria; Trustee, Environment Victoria Trust.
Mr Joel Plotnek	Council	31 Dec 2007 (4)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	External, appointed by the Churches of Christ	oz	Yes	Yes	о Х	CPA, BBus, BTheol(Hons), Member, The Properties Corporation of the Churches of Christ, Senior Associate, FINSIA (Financial Services Institute of Australasia).
Rev Assoc Prof Francis David Rees	Council	31 Dec 2001 (10)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2012	Internal, appointed by the Baptist Union of Victoria	° Z	° Z	°Z	Yes	DipEd: BA(Hons), BD(Hons), MA, MTheol, PhD; Principal of Whitley College; Member, Council of the Baptist Union of Victoria; Member, Commission on Doctrine and Christian Unity, Baptist World Alliance.
Rev William James Uren sj AO	Council	16 Aug 2006 (5)	3 years end- ing 31 Dec 2014	External, appointed by Council	0 Z	°Z	° Z	≺es	BA(Hons), MA, BD, DipJuris, MLitt, PhD(Hon); Rector, Newman College, Member, Newman College Council, Member, St. Mary's College Council.

## Council

#### Attendance for the year 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 (6 meetings held)

#### Council

Members	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held	Notes
Dr Graeme Blackman	6	6	Chancellor
Rev Dr Andrew Menzies	6	6	Deputy Chancellor
Prof Peter Sherlock	5	5	Vice-Chancellor (from April)
Prof Paul Beirne	1	1	Dean (to April)
Emeritus Prof Sheila Bellamy	6	6	Honorary Treasurer
Emeritus Prof Peter Carpenter	6	6	
Rev Mgr Dr Terence Curtin	6	6	
Rev John Henderson	6	6	
Prof Margaret Jackson	4	4	Appointed in June
Rev Assoc Prof Michael Kelly	6	6	
Very Rev Dr Andreas Loewe	1	3	Leave of absence
Mr Robert Morsillo	5	5	
Rev Prof Christiaan Mostert	5	5	
Ms Suzanne Norman	5	6	
Mr Joel Plotnek	4	6	
Rev Assoc Prof Frank Rees	6	6	
Rev William Uren	4	6	

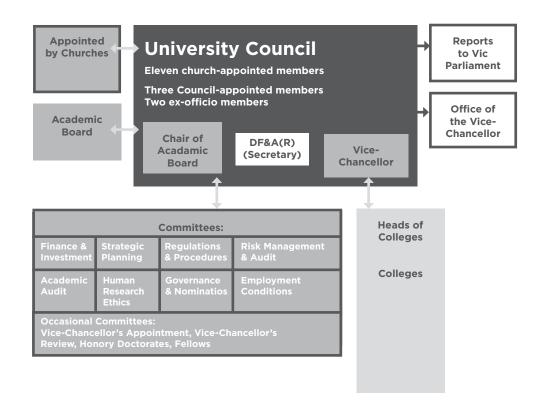
## **Council Committees**

MCD University of Divinity Council has 8 standing committees which meet between 4 and 8 times per year:

Academic Audit Committee (until 31 December 2012) Employment Conditions Committee Finance and Investment Committee Governance and Nominations Committee Human Research Ethics Committee Regulations and Procedures Committee Risk Management and Audit Committee Strategic Planning Committee

Five other Committees meet as required to transact business under their terms of reference:

H.F. Leatherland Committee (a joint body of MCD and the Australian Academy of Liturgy) Vice-Chancellor's Appointment Committee Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee Fellows Committee Honorary Doctorates Committee MCD University of Divinity Annual Report 2012



#### Academic Board

Academic Board is established by Council under the MCD Act. Academic Board exercises oversight of academic programs and other academic affairs of MCD and provides advice to Council on all such matters. It makes recommendations to Council regarding instruction, studies, discipline, examinations, assessments, research, degrees, diplomas, certificates and other awards, and reports to Council on all matters submitted to it by Council. It prepares reports for Council on proposals for regulations concerning courses of study before a regulation concerning a degree, diploma, certificate or other award is made, amended or revoked by Council. In accordance with the Act and the Regulations of MCD, Academic Board:

- determines the overall priorities and direction of teaching and research, as informed by MCD's Vision, Mission and Guiding Values Statement
- fosters and oversees academic relations between MCD and other academic bodies
- establishes, oversees and reviews policies and procedures that promote academic excellence across the Colleges
- ensures quality assurance in academic matters across the Colleges, including compliance with statutory and legislative requirements
- advises Council on the approval and review of member Colleges
- conducts regular reviews of MCD's awards
- oversees the development and implementation of the Learning and Teaching Management Plan and the Research Plan
- establishes, oversees and reviews academic policy and procedures, including admission to candidature, approval of credits and transfers, academic records, and academic grievances

- oversees the approval of teaching faculty and research supervisors
- oversees the approval of coursework units and research proposals
- oversees the appointment of examiners and the conduct of examinations
- certifies to Council that the conditions prescribed for admission to degrees and awarding of diplomas and certificates of MCD have been fulfilled, and on that basis recommends to Council admission to those degrees and awarding of those diplomas and certificates
- through the Chair of Academic Board, advises the Finance and Investment Committee on fees and payments associated with tuition, and on the dispersal of research funding
- · oversees the award of academic scholarships and grants

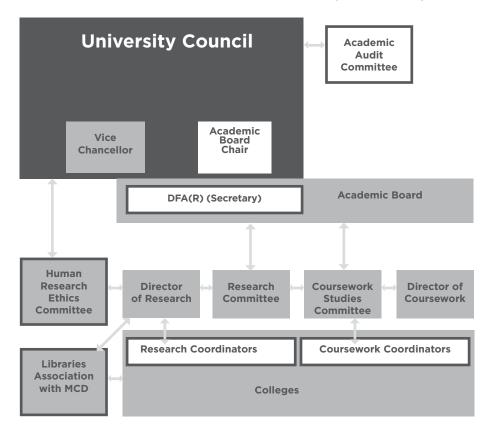
Membership of Academic Board comprises:

- The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson, appointed by Council on the recommendation of Academic Board
- The Vice-Chancellor
- The Director, Finance & Administration (Registrar)
- The Chairs of the Coursework Studies Committee and the Research Committee
- Three external members, co-opted by the Board
- Three internal members, co-opted by the Board
- One student member, co-opted by the Board

#### Attendance for the year 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012 (7 meetings held) Academic Board

Members	Meetings Attended	Meetings Held	Notes
Rev Assoc Prof Michael Kelly	7	7	Chair
Dr Sean Winter	5	7	Deputy Chair
Prof Peter Sherlock	7	7	Vice-Chancellor (from April)
Prof Paul Beirne	2	2	Dean (to April)
Mr Jeffrey Reaney	7	7	DFA(R)
Rev Dr Alan Niven	1	5	Chair, Research
Dr Peter Price	5	5	Chair, Coursework Studies
Assoc Prof Hamish Coates	5	6	External Member
Prof Anne Hunt	5	7	External Member
Dr Frances Baker	5	6	Internal Member
Dr Janette Gray	6	7	Internal Member
Ms Eva Dabasy	7	7	Student Member

Academic Governance at MCD University of Divinity



The Academic Audit Committee reports to Council. It provides a 'quality conscience' for MCD, ensuring consistency of attention to academic integrity and quality assurance across the Colleges, including academic audits. The Committee consists of four persons external to MCD, appointed by Council, and one member appointed by Academic Board, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, the Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar), and the Quality and Compliance Manager. All external members are persons recognised as having expertise in matters of academic quality assurance.

The Human Research Ethics Committee oversees the ethical conduct of research involving MCD's researchers who conduct studies which include research with human subjects. It reviews the ethics of research projects submitted by candidates for higher degrees by research and other MCD awards, or by other researchers Council or the Committee deems appropriate, and approves and monitors those projects. The Committee advises Council and Academic Board regarding categories of research that merit ethical review and provides annual reports to Council and to the National Health and Medical Research Council, through the Australian Health Ethics Committee.

Chairs of Examiners are appointed annually by MCD's Academic Board for each field of study – Humanities, Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, Theology: Mission and Ministry, and Ministry Studies. The Chairs of Examiners assist Academic Board through receiving reports on the assessment of HDR theses and overseeing the moderation of coursework results.

## Staff

Senior Executive Officers

#### Vice-Chancellor

Professor Peter Sherlock, BA (Hons), MA, DPhil

The Vice-Chancellor exercises oversight of the educational and administrative affairs of MCD University of Divinity (Regulation 1.1A).

#### Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar)

Mr Jeffrey Reaney, GDHRM, MProfEd&Trng, MBA

The DFA(R) is Secretary to Council and is responsible for the operation of the administrative services, finances, property, records and management, and publications of MCD (Regulation 1.1B).

#### **Director of Research**

Associate Professor Mark Lindsay, BA (Hons), GradDipTheol, PhD, FRHistS

The Director of Research is responsible for the research portfolio, including HDR student matters, supervisor training, research seminars, grants and scholarships, and reporting to DIISRTE on research matters.

#### **Director of Coursework**

Mr John Bartholomeusz, DipEd, DipBus, BA, GradDipComp

The Director of Coursework is responsible for all coursework studies, including records, policy implementation, and general administration.

#### **Finance Manager**

Ms Tricia Lewis, BComm (Hons)

The Finance Manager is responsible for administering the finances of central administration, research funding and the implementation of funding policies established by the Finance and Investment Committee.

#### **Quality and Compliance Manager**

Ms Jit Li Au, BSc, PDM

The Quality and Compliance Manager manages the systems necessary to ensure MCD meets the compliance requirements of state and federal government agencies and maintains MCD's website.

## Academic Staff

MCD academic staff members are employed by the Colleges. No person is permitted to teach for a coursework program who does not hold an appointment at one of the Colleges. Most supervisors of higher degree by research students are also academic staff employed by member Colleges. A small number of supervisors are external to MCD and are either academic staff members of other universities in Australia or overseas, or are honorary researchers of MCD. In every case, research supervisors are appointed by the Academic Board. MCD academic staff are strongly encouraged to be research active, and a large number of faculty members were funded by the MCD Grants and Scholarships Working Group to undertake research projects, or speak at major international academic conferences. During 2012, a new MCD-wide Academic Staff Classifications and Promotions policy was implemented. Academic staff members were encouraged to apply for classification between Level A (Associate Lecturer) to Level E (Professor). As a result, the University appointed 10 Professors, 13 Associate Professors, and 37 Senior Lecturers.

Age	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	over 80
Bachelor	0	2	6	9	6	0	1
Postgrad/Grad Dip	2	2	10	0	5	1	0
Master	0	0	5	10	16	3	0
Doctor	0	4	12	24	21	8	1
Other Degrees	2	2	6	3	4	0	0
No Information	0	3	3	4	8	2	0
Total	4	13	42	50	60	14	2

#### MCD Academic Staff Profile

#### Workplace data and staffing

Staff employed by MCD University of Divinity Council receive an employment agreement signed by the Vice-Chancellor and the staff member. In 2012, there were 14 staff (13 fulltime equivalent) employed by the Council. Each staff member receives a Letter of Appointment, describing the terms and conditions of their appointment, which specifies a probationary period of three calendar months. Consistent employment contracts were signed by all staff from 1 January 2011, which are in accordance with the Higher Education Industry - General Staff Award 2010 or the Higher Education Industry - Academic Staff Award 2010. Terms and conditions are overseen by the Employment Conditions Committee of Council which includes senior officers, elected staff representatives, and an external expert. Each staff member at central administration completes an annual performance appraisal with his or her supervisor. Following the cycle of annual appraisals, a Staff Development Plan is constructed. No religious test is applied regarding employment, as stipulated by section 27 of the MCD Act.

All other staff, including teaching, administrative, library and support staff, are employed by the Colleges. External research supervisors are paid for their services by MCD central administration. MCD continues to monitor staff succession planning.

MCD is not an entity in the public sector; however, no situations arose during 2012 which would have brought employees into conflict with the principles of conduct for public sector employees set down in the PSMEA.

## Awards

MCD offers awards under the authority of the MCD Act within the area of 'divinity and its associated disciplines' and its approved area of specialisation 'Philosophy and Religious Studies'.

#### Coursework awards in 2012

Diploma in Theology

Specialisations: Counselling; Chaplaincy; Education; Pastoral Ministry; Philosophy; Social Justice; Youth Ministry

#### Advanced Diploma in Theology

Specialisations in Counselling; Chaplaincy; Education; Pastoral Ministry; Philosophy; Social Justice; Youth Ministry

#### Bachelor of Ministry

Bachelor of Theology

Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Theology (with Monash University)

Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

#### Graduate Certificate in Theology

Specialisations: Ageing (Ethics and Pastoral Care); Biblical Languages; Educational Chaplaincy; Guiding Meditation; Ignatian Spirituality; Leadership, Spirituality and Organisational Practice; Liturgy; Religious Education; Research Methodology; Spiritual Direction; Spirituality; Supervision (Spiritual Direction); Teaching Religious Education

#### Graduate Diploma in Theology

Specialisations: Biblical Languages; Biblical Studies; Church History; Faith Community Care; Faith Leadership; Liturgy; Ministry Studies; Missiology; Moral Theology; Pastoral Care; Philosophy; Religious Education; Social Justice; Spiritual Direction; Spirituality; Systematic Theology

#### Master of Arts (Theology)

Specialisations: Biblical Studies; Church History; Faith Leadership; Liturgy; Moral Theology; Pastoral Care; Philosophy; Social Justice; Spiritual Direction; and Spirituality.

Master of Arts (Education and Theology)

Master of Divinity

Master of Theological Studies

#### Research awards in 2012

Master of Philosophy

Master of Theology

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Theology

#### Higher doctorates

Doctor of Divinity

Doctor of Sacred Theology (honoris causa)

The following awards are being taught out and further enrolments are not accepted:

Associate Diploma in Ministry

Diploma in Ministry

Advanced Diploma in Ministry

Graduate Diploma in Ministry

Master of Arts

Master of Divinity (Honours)

Doctor of Ministry Studies

## **Enrolment statistics**

#### MCD Student Enrolment Summary 2012

	Coursework	Research	Total
Fulltime	332	40	372
Part Time	1223	56	1279
Total	1555	96	1651

Undergraduate Coursework	Part time	Fulltime	Total Students	Total EFTSL	Total Units
AssDipMin	19	1	20	6.25	50
DipMin	11	1	12	3.125	24
DipTheol	180	7	187	49.25	394
AdvDipMin	28	13	41	16.875	135
BMin	12	18	30	13.75	114
BTheol	237	183	420	237.94	1917
BTheol (Hons)	1	2	3	1.625	12
Total	488	225	713	328.815	2646

Postgraduate Coursework	Part time	Fulltime	Total Students	Total EFTSL	Total Units
GradCert	203	10	213	57.39	511
GradDipTheol	297	24	321	107.49	735
GradDipMin	2	0	2	0.5	3
MA (Theol)	54	10	64	21.84	135
MDiv	88	25	113	54.51	326
MTS	88	34	122	57.57	343
MA(EdTheol)	3	4	7	1.17	7
Total	735	107	842	300.47	2060

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Research Degrees	Part time	Fulltime	Total Students	Total EFTSL
МА	12	2	14	7.25
MTheol	11	8	19	11.17
DMinStuds	4	0	4	1.75
PhD	21	22	43	28
DTheol	8	8	16	10.92
Total	56	40	96	59.09

## **Conferral Ceremony**

The annual ceremony at which MCD University of Divinity conferred degrees and awarded diplomas and certificates was held on 3 May 2012 in Wilson Hall, the University of Melbourne. The graduation address was delivered by Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the University of Sydney. At the ceremony the title of Professor Emeritus was bestowed upon Professor Paul Beirne.

The number of awards conferred was as follows:

Associate Diploma	2
Diploma	22
Advanced Diploma	7
Bachelor of Theology	74
Bachelor of Theology (Hons)	5
Graduate Certificate	78
Graduate Diploma	66
Master of Theological Studies	14
Master of Divinity	12
Master of Arts (Theology)	12
Master of Arts	3
Master of Theology	3
Doctor of Ministry Studies	3
Doctor of Philosophy	4
Doctor of Theology	4
Total	309

## Coursework

The Coursework Studies Committee reports and makes recommendations to Academic Board on all coursework awards of MCD, including the monitoring of the teaching and examination of these awards.

In 2012, the Coursework Studies Committee implemented the recommendations of the Course Review of Masters by Coursework which reported to Academic Board in 2011. The changes clarified and strengthened the structures of the three coursework Masters offered by MCD, and put in place stronger pathways for students into the Master of Arts (Theology) through the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma.

The Committee implemented a new coding system so that all units at MCD follow a common system, replacing distinctive College-based codes. This improves access for students to all eligible units at MCD and assists in the accurate planning of course progression. The assessment of student unit evaluations by MCD was improved during 2012, with University-wide reporting strengthened to ensure that student satisfaction and the quality of learning is consistent across all Colleges. Levels of satisfaction remain pleasingly high in all Colleges, and this was confirmed externally through MCD's participation in an Australian Council for Educational Research project during 2012.

The Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar), on behalf of the Chairs of Examiners, reported that examinations for the year 2012 had been conducted in accordance with the Regulations and Procedures of the University.

#### Research

Throughout 2012, MCD continued to produce high quality research, particularly through publications and presentations at national and international scholarly conferences, and through its higher degree by research programs. Applications for admission to doctoral programs were up by 43% on 2011, and reportable publications in 2012 for the 2011 year were up by 22.7%. Competition from public universities and private higher education providers continues to grow, testifying to the increasing recognition being given to the disciplines of Theology and Religious Studies within the higher education sector. Seven Australian universities, including MCD University of Divinity, now offer degree programs in Theology. Pleasingly, though, MCD has remained one of the leading institutions for enrolments in higher degrees by research, in the fields of Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies, across the sector. In large part, this is due to MCD University of Divinity's strong track record of research excellence. Results from the second ERA round, noted below, again illustrate the strength of MCD's research quality in the narrow field within which it is permitted to operate.

MCD's research community has continued to grow steadily, with a significant degree of interest from external scholars formally associating with MCD's research activity. Through 2012, Academic Board appointed a further 8 honorary researchers, bringing the total of such appointments to 24. Together with academic staff and students of MCD, these honorary researchers assist MCD's research profile through their publications, conference presentations and occasional research supervisions.

Key to MCD's ability to nourish a productive research community is the Commonwealth funding for research it has received since 2002. In 2012, MCD received funds from the Joint Research Engagement Scheme, Research Training Scheme, Australian Postgraduate Awards and International Postgraduate Research Awards. Systematic policy development and planning has supported the strategic and equitable disbursement of these funds, through the Grants and Scholarships Working Group of the MCD Research Committee. (See also under Research Grants and Linkages.)

#### Personnel and Governance

MCD's research activity, including that undertaken by both academic staff and postgraduate research students, is overseen by the Director of Research, who works closely with the Research Committee of Academic Board. In addition, each member College conducting research has its own 0.2 FTE Research Coordinator, who collaborates with the Director of Research to set policy, oversee research student progress, and encourage faculty and postgraduate research.

The Director is assisted by the Research Services Officer, the Research Finance Officer and the Repository Officer. Through 2012, MCD was also served by Professor Bernard Muir FAHA, who was employed casually as a research grants consultant. Professor Muir worked throughout MCD University of Divinity with academic staff and HDR students, particularly to advise on and shepherd competitive research grant applications. (See also under Research Grants and Linkages.)

## **Course Reviews**

In accordance with MCD's course review schedule, a review panel for the two doctoral programs, the Doctor of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy was established in 2012. This panel is due to conclude its review in early 2013, with a report to Academic Board and subsequent implementation of the recommendations through the course of the year.

## Report on Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)

In the second round of the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) exercise, MCD was once again rated at 3—performing at world standard in its assessed Field of Research (2204), Religion and Religious Studies. The University's overall assessable research output for the 2012 round was 41% larger by publication outputs than in 2010. In comparison to 2010 national results, MCD maintained the same rating, whereas the sectorwide results for Field of Research 2204 fell slightly. MCD was assessed as performing slightly above the national average in this Field of Research.

## **Research Grants and Linkages**

Funded research activity is critical to the ability of MCD academic staff and HDR students to carry out their research projects. To this end, the Grants and Scholarships Working Group of the Research Committee met five times during 2012 to allocate Commonwealth scholarships and other competitive research grants, in three major categories: seed funding for small research projects; conference and field-work travel grants; library research acquisitions. In 2012, MCD awarded \$56,930 for conference travel; \$39,732 for library research acquisitions; \$23,793 for research project seed funding. In all, \$120,455 was allocated throughout 2012. The Grants and Scholarships Working Group also awarded 7 new APAs and 3 new IPRSs, to fund a total of 16 APA students, and 4 IPRS students. (See also below under Faculty and HDR Student Research.) MCD has a small number of active collaborations in research and research training programs with institutions throughout Australia and around the world, including in competitive research grant applications.

Under the guidance of Professor Muir, 2 members of academic staff submitted ARC Discovery Grant applications in the March 2012 round, for funding to commence in 2013. Three other researchers submitted Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) applications in the May 2012 round, for funding to commence in 2013. While none of these applications was ultimately successful, MCD is keen to encourage competitive grant applications by all interested and eligible researchers, and continues to provide seed funding for application development.

In July 2012, MCD was approved by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to be a sponsor for visiting academics wishing to collaborate with existing Australian research projects. The first such visiting academic to be hosted by MCD has been Professor Harry Attridge, immediate-past President of the Yale Divinity School, who has joined Revd Professor Dorothy Lee in a research project on the Gospel of John.

MCD, as a Collaborating Organisation, is now half-way through an ARC Linkage Project grant, 2011-2013, for a project entitled Imagining Poverty: conceptualising and representing poverty and the poor in mendicant inspired literature, preaching and visual art 1220-1520. One member of academic staff is listed as a Chief Investigator and one MCD post-doctoral student is included as a research assistant for this project, in which MCD is collaborating with Monash University, the University of Western Australia, and the Dominican and Franciscan Friars.

MCD has also continued to collaborate with:

Australian Catholic University: in September 2012, the MCD and ACU jointly sponsored the third annual Postgraduate Conference in Theology and Philosophy, which also included research students from Charles Sturt University, the Australian College of Theology, and the Sydney College of Divinity.

International Syriac Language Project, incorporating:

MCD, Cambridge University, Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam), University of Münster, Catholic University of America, Bar Ilan University (Israel), Peshitta Institute Leiden

#### **Research Performance**

#### Table 1:

New Enrolments for HDRs 2009-2012

Beginning	Doctoral	Research Masters	Total
2009 (semester 1)	7	10	17
2009 (semester 2)	1	5	6
2009 (total)	8	15	23
2010 (semester 1)	3	2	5
2010 (semester 2)	6	7	13
2010 (total)	9	9	18
2011 (semester 1)	7	7	12
2011 (semester 2)	1	5	6
2011 (total)	8	12	20
2012 (semester 1)	10	11	21
2012 (semester 2)	8	2	10
2012 (total)	18	13	31
Upgrading masters to doctorate 2012			1

## Table 2:

#### Comparative Enrolment Numbers for HDRs, 2008-2012

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
MA	(P/T)	19	13	11	12	12
MA	(F/T)	10	5	9	5	2
MA	(Total)	29	18	20	17	14
MTheol	(P/T)	26	22	16	12	11
MTheol	(F/T)	8	10	8	4	8
MTheol	(Total)	34	32	24	16	19
DMinStuds	(P/T)	16	15	10	7	4
DMinStuds	(F/T)	1	1	1	1	0
DMinStuds	(Total)	17	16	11	8	4
PhD	(P/T)	18	14	13	14	21
PhD	(F/T)	14	17	17	18	22
PhD	(Total)	32	31	30	32	43
DTheol	(P/T)	7	8	11	12	8
DTheol	(F/T)	10	7	8	11	8
DTheol	(Total)	17	15	19	23	16
Students	(P/T)	134	116	104	96	96

#### Table 2a:

#### Comparative Enrolment by EFTSL for HDRs

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
EFTSLs	71.1672	68.000	61.500	56.041	59.09

#### Table 3:

Higher Degree by Research Completions 2012

Degree	Conferred 3 May 2012						
	Attending	In absentia					
Master of Arts	1	2					
Master of Theology	2	1					
Doctor of Philosophy	2	2					
Doctor of Theology	4	0					
Doctor of Ministry Studies	1	2					
Total (17)	10	7					

## **HDR Student Activity**

In 2011, there were 96 students (56.041 EFTSL) enrolled in Higher Degrees by Research (HDRs). This number stayed the same in 2012, but with a slight increase in EFTSL to 59.09. The small rise in EFTSL can be attributed to a larger allocation of scholarships, which enabled slightly more students to study fulltime. Particularly encouraging was the growing strength of the PhD program, which accounts for one-third of all HDR students. Completion rates have also remained high. From 2009 to 2012, a total of 97 students were awarded higher degrees by research at MCD conferral ceremonies, 42 of whom were doctoral graduates.

#### Table 4:

#### Research funding: Industry Funding and Government Funding

MCD commenced reporting Industry Funding through the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) in 2004, and consequently receiving the following funding.

Funding Category	2004 \$	2005 \$	2006 \$	2007 \$	2008 \$	2009 \$	2010 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$
IGS	154,082	175,875	200,499	222,474	215,578	209,100	-	-	-
JRE	-	-	-	-	-	-	284,282	312,212	333,488
RTS	99,218	253,744	371,826	508,950	574,860	584,091	582,121	636,299	727,109
стѕ	-	-	-	20,810	21,226	21,671	22,126	-	-
IAP	-	-	-	26,275	52,634	53,572	22,473	-	-
ASHER	-	-	-	118,217	235,863	169,141	-	-	-
APA	153,071	184,898	174,634	173,942	151,098	42, 57	172,427	257,728	395,887
IPRS	15,828	20,868	12,268	65,888	55,461	54,737	56,015	61,633	63,978
SRE	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	-	-
Total Govt. Research Funding	422,199	635,385	759,227	1,136,556	1,306,720	1,234,469	1,339,444	1,267,872	1,520,462
Industry Funding	1,009,907	1,518,336		2,035,968	1,867,899	1,785,404	1,711,144	1,923,315	2,358,421

## Research funding: Industry Funding and Government Funding

MCD University of Divinity has received Commonwealth Government funding for research since 2002, with a 491% increase in that funding for the period 2002-2012. Industry funding has been reported through the Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) since 2004. MCD's primary industry partners are the sponsoring churches and religious orders, and these institutions provided \$2,358,421 for research in 2012.

In consultation and with the cooperation of all member Colleges, a process has been established to ensure compliance with the HERDC Guidelines and similarly to ensure that all industry funding received by MCD is acknowledged and recognised appropriately on behalf of the industry partners. This funding fosters and develops the quality of the research at MCD University of Divinity and to improve the services offered to both staff and students in the pursuit of their research.

#### Faculty and HDR Student Research

MCD faculty members are encouraged to be active in research and are supported in this by the Research Office. In addition to the provision of study leave by the university's colleges, MCD disburses conference and small grants funds to faculty members for individual and team research projects. Conference travel grants are available also to Higher Degree by Research students. In total, 30 faculty and HDR students were funded to attend and present papers at conferences during 2012, and 6 faculty small grants were approved. All of the theological libraries associated with the MCD received significant funding from MCD research monies to support research acquisitions, to a total of \$39,732. Research supervisors are also funded for supervision responsibilities. In 2012, the guidelines for conference travel were relaxed, to allow funding also for academic staff and research students to undertake archival work in significant collections which are held interstate or overseas.

Funding provided through Commonwealth Government research funds is of significant assistance in strengthening MCD's research culture. The table below illustrates the upward trend in the research productivity of academic staff and HDR students, as measured by HERDC returns.

#### Table 5:

Faculty Unweighted Research Publications, 2005-2011

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
33	41	46.06	57.18	59.5	52	63.8

## Human Research Ethics Committee

MCD University of Divinity's HREC met 4 times in 2012 and considered 17 new applications. Of those 17 applications, 8 research proposals went before the meetings of the full Committee for approval of ethical clearance. The remaining applications were for projects substantially based on the published works and/or other material in the public domain and thereby required ethical notification, but not clearance. There were no applications in 2012 that were denied ethical approval. Notification was received in December 2012 from the NHMRC that MCD's HREC was compliant with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007) throughout 2011.

## Services

## Student support

Student support is primarily a matter for the Colleges, who continue to create communities of scholarship for students and staff. Feedback from internal audits reveals a high degree of student satisfaction, facilitated not only by community events but by class sizes that are usually less than 20, and academic staff who take considerable interest in promoting a climate of learning. Each College handbook includes a section which informs students of their rights.

## International students

Most of the international students enrolled at MCD University of Divinity are recommended and sponsored by a church or similar body in their own country, and the students have support from a church or similar community in Australia during their stay. Few international students are under 30 years of age and most are effectively postgraduates in terms of their theological education. Pastoral and academic support is offered to all international students in accordance with the standards set down by the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (National Code 2007). Each College provides support for their coursework international students. Supervisors and central administration staff deliver support for international students enrolled in higher degree by research (HDR) courses. MCD Research Office maintains regular communication with all of its HDR international students, inviting them to research seminars, postgraduate student information days and other networking opportunities. Every College has put in place arrangements for tutoring students who need to improve their English language skills.

MCD is compliant with the requirements of the Education for Overseas Students Act 2000 and the National Code 2007. This was verified in 2012 through an external audit. Central administration is responsible for processing international student admissions, reporting to government authorities and making timely ESOS payments.

#### Provision for disabled students and staff

Facilities at central administration accommodate people with movement disabilities. Where required, student business is conducted on the ground floor, and the boardroom was relocated to the ground floor during 2012 to improve access for disabled committee members and students. In the Colleges, students with special needs are asked prior to enrolment to consult with the appropriate college officer, so that their needs can be accommodated as far as possible.

#### Occupational health and safety

Each College is responsible for the development and application of an Occupational Health and Safety Policy. Each college audit provides the opportunity for Colleges to review the safety of the buildings, the provision of access for all people, and the awareness of staff regarding occupational health and safety issues.

All occupational health and safety issues at the central administration site at Kew, including access and potential hazards, are monitored regularly by the site's Occupational Health and Safety Committee. All furniture at central administration meets OH&S requirements, including desks, seating, heating/cooling, lighting and computers. No OH&S incidents were reported in 2012 at central administration.

#### Recordkeeping

The comprehensive student records database TAMS (Theological Academic Management System) is reviewed regularly and improvements are implemented. All Colleges use TAMS as their primary student records database. The State Library of Victoria houses certain Melbourne College of Divinity historical records and MCD retains ownership of those records.

#### Grievances

Grievance Policies, the Harassment Policy, and Procedures as approved by DEEWR, are listed on MCD's website and are also made available at College administration offices. In 2012, no staff or student grievances were referred to the Ombudsman.

## **Environmental performance**

The staff at central administration and in the Colleges are very cognisant of environmental issues and are committed to living as stewards of God's creation. This commitment is reflected in the way buildings are designed and used for teaching and for research. MCD recognises that some buildings raise challenges for improving environmental performance. Central administration continues to monitor use of paper, the disposal of recyclable waste, and the process of providing an office environment conducive to harmonious and productive results.

## Other statements of compliance

## Indemnity

All MCD University of Divinity office holders and committee members are indemnified by the MCD Act Section 18B "against all actions or claims, whether such action or claim arises during or after the term of office of that member, in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done in good faith in the exercise or purported exercise of any of the powers or duty conferred or imposed upon Council, committee or board or upon any member or members of Council by or under this Act."

This requirement is covered by MCD's insurance policy held with AON Risk Services Australia Ltd, which specifies up to \$10M (excess \$5,000) cover in respect of Professional Indemnity, the same cover for Directors' and Officers' Indemnity, \$1M (excess \$5,000) cover for Employment Practices Liability, \$100M (excess \$2,500 except Molestation \$50,000) for Public/Products Liability and \$100,000 (excess \$5,000) for Fiduciary Liability. These policies are renewed annually for the period 1 December to 30 November in the following year.

## **Publications and promotion**

During 2012 MCD University of Divinity continued to be the primary sponsor of the peer-reviewed international journal Pacifica: Australasian Theological Studies.

Faculty and staff prepare and publish annually a list of publications, which meet the DIISRTE definition of research.

The regular process of keeping member churches and the wider public informed about courses, enrolments and public lectures continued, with publicity initiated both from central administration and from each College. As the public portal, MCD's website is the foundation of all aspects of the promotion of the Colleges, the academic programs, the personnel, regulations, procedures and special events. A research newsletter was emailed each quarter during 2012, in addition to MCD's eLetter. The website is constantly updated with upcoming events and news.

To support their individual promotional activities, each College produces a wide range of brochures and publications. MCD's website links central administration with all member Colleges and the Colleges to each other.

## **Future initiatives**

In 2013 the University begins implementation of its new Strategic Plan, Strengthening Our Collegiate University. The Plan specifies 10 overarching goals and these will drive activity in 2013:

## Learning and Teaching

- 1. Form graduates and teachers who exemplify our graduate attributes
- 2. Provide outstanding learning environments for all students at each College
- 3. Reach new groups of students

### Research

- 4. Build up a new generation of theological scholars and teachers
- 5. Develop research partnerships that serve the churches and community
- 6. Increase research capacity and productivity

## Stewardship

- 7. Consolidate strong and effective collegiate relationships
- 8. Improve financial viability throughout the University to support strategic initiatives

## Engagement

- 9. Contribute to the quality of public conversation through theologically informed argument
- 10. Strengthen theological education in the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia

Together, these goals aim to strengthen and consolidate MCD's activities and governance under its new identity as an Australian University of Specialisation, while opening up new initiatives in its service to the churches and wider community.

Key strategic activities in 2013 are listed below.

#### **Graduate Attributes**

The University's 5 Graduate Attributes will be implemented through a systematic review of course outcomes and unit learning outcomes over several years, commencing with processes initiated in 2013.

#### **Staff Development**

A new Director of Learning and Teaching will commence work in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor in 2013 with responsibility for coordinating and monitoring training and induction programs for teaching staff. This will be accompanied by new arrangements for training and induction for HDR degree supervisors. As well as ensuring the quality of learning and teaching and research training at MCD, these initiatives will also assist in staff succession.

#### **Student Resources**

During 2013, a central digital library portal will be made available to all enrolled students, coordinating access to electronic resources. An MCDwide Learning Management System will be developed during the year with a view to full implementation in 2014. The new Student Services Committee of Academic Board will begin coordination of student services to improve access to welfare, orientation, and other services throughout the whole University.

### **Quality Assurance**

The Academic Audit Committee will be replaced from 1 January 2013 with the Academic Quality and Standards Committee of Academic Board. This will institute new systems for the review and evaluation of data, including benchmarking with external institutions, and report to the Board on areas of commendation and areas requiring improvement.

### **Risk Management**

The Risk Management and Audit Committee will advise Council on a strengthened process for the annual collection of information from Colleges, to ensure that risks are identified and managed throughout every part of the University.

As well as strategic initiatives, the University will pursue several operational matters. Chief among these are regular reviews of the University's governance and academic activities. Two Colleges will be subject to an internal audit leading to the renegotiation of their Agreements with the University. These are Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation, and Stirling Theological College. The Academic Board will undertake a review of the Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas offered by the University. This will complete a cycle of course reviews of all University awards, including completion of the process of ensuring all MCD awards comply with the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Support for the strategic goals will be secured during 2013 in two ways.

First, Council will complete a major review of the University's fee structures. This will ensure equity and transparency in how payments are collected from and provided to Colleges by the Council, simplify procedures, and provide stability and security for both Colleges and Council for the future to foster strategic planning on a sound financial basis.

Second, Council will review its own committee structures to ensure that its committees are efficient and effective in serving the Vision and strategy of the University. This will include reviewing duplication of services in College and University administration and clarification of roles and responsibilities at each level.

A Risk Profile is maintained and regularly reviewed by the Vice-Chancellor and Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar), and reported to Council through the Risk Management and Audit Committee, which has a majority of external members as required by the MCD Act. Internal processes for the oversight of Colleges (including academic, financial and corporate aspects) are continuously monitored by the Senior Executive Officers and will be strengthened in 2013 through reviews of annual reporting processes and 5-yearly cyclical reviews of Colleges.

#### Fees

Non-academic fees levied by MCD during 2012 were \$100 for graduands attending the Conferral ceremony, and the application fee for international students and for those applying for the Graduate Diploma in Counselling and the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction was \$180. In accordance with government rulings regarding the latter these are the only 2 approved courses for which application fees were charged.

Fees for 2012 were increased by up to 20%. Payments to Colleges, supervisors and libraries increased in line with the fee increases.

#### **Tuition Fees for 2012**

**Undergraduate awards** awards (Associate Diploma of Ministry, Diploma of Ministry, Advanced Diploma of Ministry, Bachelor of Theology)

Tuition	\$1,098	per 15 point unit
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**Graduate awards** (Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Divinity)

Postgraduate awards (Master of Theological Studies, Master of Arts in Theology)

Tuition	\$1,570	per 15 point unit

**Masters Degrees by Research** (Master of Theology, Master of Arts, Master of Ministry)

Fulltime \$3,140 per semester

Doctorates (Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Ministry Studies, Doctor of Theology)

Fulltime \$5,812 per semester

#### Other fees for 2012

The application fee for Conferral was \$100 for in persona.

#### Payments for 2012

To MCD Kew (UG fee)	\$163	per 15 point undergraduate unit
To Colleges for teaching	\$1,012	per 15 point graduate unit
	\$1,047	per 15 point postgraduate unit
To libraries	-	per 15 point graduate unit, 3.85 minimum per graduate student
5%	of resea	arch fees, theses less than 40,000 words

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7.5%	of research fees, theses of 40,000 words or more		
To Masters supervisors	\$707	per semester (part-time minor thesis, up to 4 semesters)	
[Minor - 30% of tuition]	\$1,413	per semester (fulltime minor thesis, up to 2 semesters)	
[Major - 35% of tuition]	\$825	per semester (part-time major thesis, up to 4 semesters)	
	\$1,649	per semester (fulltime major thesis, up to 2 semesters)	
To doctoral supervisors	\$1,526	per semester (part-time, up to 12 semesters)	
[35% of tuition]	\$3,051	per semester (fulltime, up to 6 semesters)	

Note: payment to supervisors is augmented over tuition by 50% from Research Committee funding, which is dependent on DIISRTE funding.

To examiners	\$131 \$163	(1/10 PG unit fee: 6,000 word essay) (1/8 PG unit fee: Panels, 10-12,000 word essays)
	\$327	(1/4 PG unit fee: 25-30,000 word theses)
	\$436	(1/3 PG unit fee: 40-50,000 word theses)
	\$654	(1/2 PG unit fee: 80-100,000 word theses)
	\$218	(1/6 PG unit fee: doctoral Oral Defence)

The following table indicates the fee for each award for 2012, the payments to Colleges, supervisors and libraries.

## MCD tuition fees 2012

TUITION FEES AND PAYMENTS 2012						
MCD Award	Fulltime 2012 fee	Total cost of the award	Paid to Col- leges	Paid to supervisor (+ 50% supple- ment from Research Funds)	Paid to Library (total)	Paid to examiners
BTheol / BMin	\$8,784	\$26,352	\$22,440			
BTheol (Hons)	\$6,588	\$32,940	\$28,050			
DipMin	\$8,784	\$17,568	\$14,960			
AdvDipMin	\$8,784	\$26,352	\$22,440			
DipTheol	\$8,784	\$8,784	\$7,480			
BTheol/DipMin	\$8,784	\$35,136	\$29,920			
BTheol/ AdvDipMin	\$8,784	\$39,528	\$33,660			
GradCertTheol	\$4,554	\$4,554	\$3,036		\$228	
GradDipTheol	\$9,108	\$9,108	\$6,072		\$455	
MTS	\$7,642	\$15,284	\$10,190		\$764	
MDiv	\$9,108	\$27,324	\$18,216		\$1,366	
MA(Theol)	\$6,280	\$9,420	\$6,282		\$471	
MA: 2 units, minor thesis	\$6,280	\$9,420	\$2,094	\$2,826	\$47I	\$654
MA: major thesis	\$6,280	\$9,420	\$0	\$4,947	\$707	\$872
MTheol: 2 units, minor thesis	\$6,280	\$9,420	\$2,094	\$2,826	\$471	\$654
MTheol: major thesis	\$6,280	\$9,420	\$0	\$4,947	\$707	\$872
PhD/DTheol/ DMinStuds	\$11,624	\$34,872	\$0	\$18,306	\$2,615	\$1,962

Providing the eligibility criteria are met, all MCD University of Divinity students are eligible for FEE-HELP Funding. Austudy is available to students who meet the eligibility criteria, including designated courses. Research students may be eligible for assistance from Research Training Scheme funds, Australian Postgraduate Awards and International Postgraduate Research Scholarships; specific criteria apply to each type of funding.

In 2012, the annual tuition fees paid by a fulltime overseas student were \$9,264 for undergraduate degrees, \$9588 for graduate coursework degrees and \$9,900 for postgraduate coursework degrees, \$9,900 for masters research degrees and \$12,104 for doctoral research degrees.

## Financial

MCD University of Divinity manages funds for central administration only. The Colleges employ their own staff and similarly manage their own finances. The main budget responsibility of the Finance and Investment Committee relates to the budget of central administration and does not include the budgets of member Colleges. The Finance Manager, working with the Finance Department, is responsible for the collection of fees for postgraduate and research courses, the administration of FEE-HELP and all payments which support the academic and research programs of MCD.

The financial administration of MCD, including the preparation and monitoring of the budget, is the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer and the Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar), working with the Finance and Investment Committee, which reports to Council. The Committee met 8 times during 2012 including 1 meeting with the auditors together with the Risk Management and Audit Committee and 2 meetings with Business Managers of the Colleges. The Finance Manager prepares the budget and all papers necessary for these two Committees to meet their obligations.

In order to improve communication on a broad range of common issues the Finance and Investment Committee continued to meet twice a year with the Business Managers of the Colleges in May and November 2012. Strict compliance to DIISRTE guidelines and procedures and the involvement of the College Business Managers in this process, has resulted in wider understanding of not only the operations of the finances of member Colleges, but also of the reporting mechanisms and obligations to the Federal Government.

In 2012, MCD received research funding from DIISRTE and funding to award eight additional Australian Postgraduate Awards and one additional International Postgraduate Research Scholarship. All such funds were allocated according to the DIISRTE guidelines of each scheme, which was subsequently reported to DIISRTE.

All public funds allocated to MCD have been applied to the purposes specified by the government or other public funding body and MCD has complied with all reporting requirements.

Assisted by comprehensive management accounting reports prepared monthly for the Finance and Investment Committee and Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the Director, Finance and Administration (Registrar) monitored the expenditure of central administration. In 2012 employment expenses increased by 8.8% but a significant component of this increase was attributable to entitlements paid on the retirement of the Dean.

Central administration has funds invested with the Uniting Church in Australia Growth Fund. The market value of these investments was \$654,186 at 31 December 2012 compared to \$593,158 at 31 December 2011. The market value at 31 December 2012 includes \$22,560 which was recognised as interest income in 2012 and re-invested.

The 2012 audited financial statements recorded a surplus of \$558,133. This surplus is arrived at after recognising significant non-operating items. These items are the increase in the market value of investments



(\$38,468) and grants (\$134,664) which were received in 2012 but have not yet been spent. A total of \$168,049 was recorded as expenditure in 2012, but the funding sources were received in previous years; this includes \$40,299 from RTS funds and \$57,130 for research expenditure from the Sustainable Research Excellence funds received in 2010. After adjusting for these items, \$553,050 would be considered the 2012 operating surplus, matching income and expenditure items; this operating surplus is 8% of the total income from fees and government grants.

In June 2012, Council adopted principles in relation to the determination of tuition fees, capitation fees, affiliation fees payable by Colleges and the introduction from 2014 of a new enrolment process. In implementing these principles the Finance and Investment Committee has recognised the goal of ensuring a more efficient and streamlined operation with lower costs, minimum duplication and productivity improvements across MCD, while maintaining the commitment to collegiality in aspects of budget planning and implementation, enrolment processes and fee collection.

The Council of Deans of Theology (Australasia) received a competitive grant from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council for the Undergraduate Curriculum Design Project. MCD University of Divinity was the lead Institution and was responsible for the administrative aspects of the funding with \$74,943 received in 2010 and \$75,057 received in 2011. The project was successfully completed in 2012.

No events have occurred subsequent to 31 December 2012 that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial report.

MCD does not conduct any consultancy services, or any other commercial activities.

MCD has no commercial dealings, other than those necessary to conduct the regular operations of the University.

No member of Council has a pecuniary interest in any company or institution with which MCD has a financial or business relationship.

MCD has no controlled entities, operates no commercial ventures and has no associate institutions involving MCD in financial relationships.

## The following table summarises the financial results for 2012 with comparative information for the preceding 5 years.

REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Australian Government Grants	1,520,462	1,267,872	1,439,444	1,234,769	I,306,720	1,136,556
Australian Government Capital Grants	-	-	-	527,000	339,000	-
FEE-HELP	3,290,077	2,432,759	2,166,549	1,823,203	I,420,752	1,229,934
Fees	2,119,797	1,574,198	1,327,048	1,115,975	920,800	976,735
Investment Income	172,834	155,788	124,236	65,821	105,712	84,970
Industry funding	2,358,421	1,901,020	,7  , 44	1,785,404	1,822,340	1,985,693
Other revenue***	22,646	105,561	185,875	27,973	204,392	110,164
Victorian Government Financial Assistance	-		100,000			
Total Revenue	9,484,237	7,437,198	7,054,296	6,580,145	6,119,716	5,524,052
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Employee benefits and oncosts	1,227,758	1,135,998	988,751	975,534	915,275	680,186
Payroll Tax (back dated to 1 October 2005)	38,982	28,451	20,306	61,201	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	36,106	36,105	15,297	17,163	16,723	14,287
Repairs and maintenance	5,842	3,247	2,177	3,441	8,198	14,453
Bad and doubtful debts	5,254	14,879	-	4,776	10,507	5,741
Industry funding	2,358,421	1,901,020	1,711,144	1,785,404	1,822,340	1,985,693
Special Expenditure, Government Grants (excluding capitalised items)*	34,490	64,683	99,517	8,000	221,000	-
Other expenses	5,257,719	4,034,508	3,862,491	3,061,033	2,795,917	2,084,274
Total Expenses	8,964,572	7,218.891	6,699,683	6,026,552	5,789,960	4,784,634
Operating result before tax	519,665	218,307	354,613	553,593	329,756	739,418
Change in fair value of investments**	38,468	(128,098)	24,508	150,488	(321,777)	(298,687)
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of MCD University of Divinity	558,133	90,209	379,121	704,081	7,979	440,731

\*In the Financial Statements the capital grants are included in Australian Government Grants. The expenditure is included in Other Expenses. Of the \$527,000 received in 2009, \$163,153 was spent in 2010, leaving \$363,847 to be spent in 2011 and 2012; the renovations expenditure has been capitalised. The expenditure of \$34,490 in 2012 is for external payments in the development of the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement, for which a grant of \$100,000 was received in 2010 and recorded in Australian Government Grants.

\*\*In the Financial Statements the Change in fair value of investments is included in Other Revenue and Other Expenses.

\*\*\*Other Revenue in 2010 and 2011 includes 2 annual payments of \$74.493 and \$75,057 of a competitive grant from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council to the Council of Deans of Theology (Australasia) for a project administered by MCD University of Divinity; the expenditure is listed in Other Expenses in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

## Superannuation liabilities

Staff employed by central administration are covered by the superannuation scheme of their choice: in 2012 these schemes included Catholic Super, LUCRF, Unisuper, HESTA, Macquarie Investment Management Ltd, CARE and Australian Super. Contributions are made by MCD at 5% above the minimum required by legislation: in 2012, MCD made contributions at the level of 14% of gross salary for each employee.

The total cost to MCD for superannuation during 2012 was \$156,199. During 2012 no loans were made by MCD to any superannuation scheme.

## Compliance with legislation

No applications were made by, or relating to, central administration under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 during 2012.

No actions or operations in relation to the Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001 took place during 2012 in relation to MCD, nor were any disclosures required by that Act made.

In 2012, there was no occasion which brought MCD into breach with either the National Competition Policy, or the policy statement on competition policy issued by the Victorian Government.

There were no industrial relations actions or disputes in relation to both the state and federal legislation.

Consistent with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 1994, MCD, if applicable, has prepared material on the following items, details of which are available upon request:

- statement regarding declarations of pecuniary interest
- shares held beneficially by senior officers as nominees of a statutory authority or subsidiary
- staff overseas visits

MCD University of Divinity attests to compliance with the Australian/New Zealand Risk Management Standards.

On publication, a PDF copy of this and previous Melbourne College of Divinity Annual Reports, in addition to statements on all regulations and course guidelines and policies, are available on MCD's website www.mcd.edu.au

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# Section B: Financial Statements



The MCD University of Divinity Financial Statements for the calendar year 2012 have been prepared using the guidelines supplied by DIISRTE. They have been scrutinised by the Finance and Investment Committee and the Risk Management and Audit Committee of the University, and audited in accordance with the MCD Act.

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## Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Australian Government financial assistance			
Australian Government grants	4	1,520,462	1,267,872
FEE-HELP	4	3,290,077	2,432,759
State and Local Government financial assistance	5	-	-
Fees and charges	6	2,119,797	1,574,198
Investment revenue	7	172,834	155,788
Industry Funding	1(g)	2,358,421	1,901,020
Other revenue	8	22,646	105,493
Total revenue from continuing operations		9,484,237	7,437,130
Other investment income	7	38,468	(128,098)
Other income	8	-	68
Total revenue and income from continuing operations		9,522,705	7,309,100
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Employee related expenses	9	1,266,740	1,164,449
Depreciation and amortisation	10	36,106	36,105
Repairs and maintenance	11	5,842	3,247
Loss on disposal of assets		2,307	-
Industry Funding	1(g)	2,358,421	1,901,020
Other expenses	12	5,295,156	4,114,070
Total expenses from continuing operations		8,964,572	7,218,891
OPERATING RESULT BEFORE INCOME TAX		558,133	90,209
Income tax expense	13	-	-
Operating result from continuing operations		558,133	90,209
Operating result after income tax for the year		558,133	90,209
Operating result attributable to minority interest		-	-
Operating result attributable to members of MCD University of Divinity	23(b)	558,133	90,209
Total comprehensive income		558,133	90,209
Total comprehensive income attributable to minority interest			
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of MCD University of Divinity		558,133	90,209

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	14	2,212,146	2,728,692
Receivables	15	509,323	80,646
Other financial assets	16	654,186	593,158
Other non-financial assets	17	64,444	68,640
Total current assets		3,440,099	3,471,136
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	18	384,807	378,794
Total non-current assets		384,807	378,794
Total assets		3,824,906	3,849,930
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other Payables	19	203,196	769,985
Provisions	21	127,397	216,839
Other liabilities	22	80,770	45,366
Total current liabilities		411,363	1,032,190
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	21	75,552	37,882
Total non-current liabilities		75,552	37,882
Total liabilities		486,915	1,070,072
Net assets		3,337,991	2,779,858
EQUITY			
Reserves	23 (a)	966,702	1,039,798
Retained surplus	23 (b)	2,371,289	1,740,060
Total equity		3,337,991	2,779,858

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Reserves	Retained Surplus	Total
Balance at 1 January 2011	1,433,387	1,256,262	2,689,649
Total comprehensive income	-	90,209	90,209
Net Transfers to / (from) reserves	(393,589)	393,589	-
Balance at 31 December 2011	1,039,798	1,740,060	2,779,858
Balance at 1 January 2012	1,039,798	1,740,060	2,779,858
Total Comprehensive income	-	558,133	558,133
Net Transfers to / (from) reserves	(73,096)	73,096	-
Balance at 31 December 2012	966,702	2,371,289	3,337,991

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Australian Government Grants	4	3,858,469	4,250,111
State Government Grants		-	-
Non Government Grants		9,032	93,113
Industry Funding		2,555,663	2,662,235
Receipts from student fees and other customers		2,136,233	1,628,816
Dividends received		56,430	34,998
Interest received		102,295	127,981
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and services tax)		(6,682,136)	(5,414,189)
Industry Funding		(2,555,663)	(2,662,235
GST recovered/paid		70,118	81,405
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	29	(449,559)	802,235
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		27,000	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(71,426)	(298,396)
Payments for investments		(22,561)	(13,461)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities		(66,987)	(311,857)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(516,546)	490,378
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		2,728,692	2,238,314
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	14	2,212,146	2,728,692

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Notes to the Financial Statements 31 December 2012

#### Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, AASB Interpretations, the Melbourne College of Divinity Act 1910, the Financial Management Act 1994 and the requirements of the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.

#### Compliance with IFRSs

The financial statements and notes of MCD University of Divinity comply with Australian Accounting Standards, some of which contain requirements specific to not-for-profit entities that are inconsistent with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and investment property.

#### Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying MCD University of Divinity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

#### b) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to MCD University of Divinity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

All fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use, as follows:

Leasehold Improvements	14 years
Plant & equipment	3 – 5 years

#### c) Employee benefits

#### (i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in the current provision for employee benefits in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

#### (ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### d) Revenue recognition

Fees and income are recognised as revenue on an accruals basis.

Tuition fees for all MCD postgraduate students are paid to the MCD administration, which pays the Recognized Teaching Institutions and HDR supervisors.

Fees for MCD undergraduate students using the FEE-HELP loan scheme are paid by DIISRTE to the MCD, which pays the amounts less the capitation fee to the Recognized Teaching Institutions.

As a consequence, in the Income Statement, and in Note 6, a) Only capitation fees are recognised as revenue for MCD undergraduate students, (excluding upfront fee-paying UFT students), but

b) Total tuition fees for upfront fee-paying domestic MCD postgraduate students and for upfront feepaying UFT undergraduate students are recognised as revenue. MCD University of Divinity Annual Report 2012

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant accounting policies (continued)

Dividend revenue is recognised when the University has established that it has a right to receive a dividend.

Interest revenue is recognised on an accruals basis.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

#### e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

#### f) Bad and doubtful debts

Bad debts are written off as they arise. If a provision for bad and doubtful debts has been recognised in relation to a debtor, write-off for bad debts is made against the provision. If no provision for bad and doubtful debts has previously been recognised, write-offs for bad debts are charged as expenses in the Income Statement.

#### g) Industry funding

MCD submits annually the Higher Educational Research Data Collection returns.

This includes funding for research received from Colleges, Churches and religious communities for approved research activities at MCD. This is reported as Industry and Other Research income.

MCD must provide an Audit Certificate which certifies as correct the research income included in the Research Income Return for the category of Industry and Other Research Income.

It is a requirement of DIISRTE that all research income must be consistent with the Higher Education Provider's financial statements.

All the industry funding received or receivable by MCD is recorded in the financial accounts of MCD and the corresponding distribution of this funding is also recorded.

In 2012 this is an amount of \$2,358,421 (2011 \$1,901,020). Amounts receivable and payable from/ to respective colleges, churches and religious communities as at 31 December 2012 are disclosed in notes 15 and 19 respectively.

#### h) Grants and Contributions

Where grants or contributions recognised as revenues during the financial year were obtained on condition that they be expended in a particular manner or used over a particular period and those conditions were undischarged at balance date the unused grant or contribution is disclosed in notes 23 and 30. The notes also disclose the amount of unused grant or contribution from prior years that was expended during the current year.

#### Note 2. Financial risk management

MCD University of Divinity's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, as follows:

#### a) Significant accounting policies

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement, and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, with respect to each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility of the University's debtors defaulting on their contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the University. The University measures credit risk on a fair value basis and monitors risk on a regular basis.

Provision of impairment for financial assets is calculated based on past experience, and current and expected changes in client credit ratings.

The University does not engage in high risk hedging for its financial assets.

Currently the University does not hold any collateral as security nor credit enhancements relating to any of its financial assets.

As at the reporting date, there is no event to indicate that any of the financial assets are impaired.

There are no financial assets that have had their terms renegotiated so as to prevent them from being past due or impaired, and they are stated at the carrying amounts as indicated.

#### Note 2. Financial risk management (continued)

#### c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises when the University is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The University operates under the Government fair payments policy of settling financial obligations within 30 days and in the event of a dispute, make payments within 30 days from the date of resolution. It also continuously manages risk through monitoring future cash flows and maturities planning to ensure adequate holding of high quality liquid assets and dealing in highly liquid markets.

The University's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk. Cash for unexpected events is generally sourced from liquidation of available-for-sale financial investments.

#### d) Market risk

The University's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk, foreign currency and other price risks relating to financial markets. Objectives, policies and processes used to manage each of these risks are disclosed in the paragraphs below.

#### Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk might arise primarily through the University's financial assets. Minimisation of risk is achieved by diversification of investments in cash and managed fund investments.

The University's exposure to interest rate risk is set out in the Table 31.2.

#### Other price risk

The University is exposed to other price risk relating to its investments in managed funds as disclosed in Note 16. This includes price risks from market indices in Australian and International share markets. In order to ensure that the University's investment portfolio works effectively towards achieving its financial objectives, the Finance and Investment Committee receives regular reports from institutions with whom funds are invested and reviews the position to ensure the best possible investment options for the University.

#### Sensitivity disclosure analysis

Taking into account past performance, future expectations, economic forecasts, and management's knowledge and experience of the financial markets, the University believes the following movements are 'reasonably possible' over the next 12 months (Base rates are sourced from the Reserve Bank of Australia):

A parallel shift of +1% and -1% in market interest rates (AUD) from year-end rates; and

A parallel shift of +10% and -10% in financial market rates from year-end rates.

#### e) Net Fair Values

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and liabilities are not expected to be significantly different from each class of asset and liability as disclosed and recognised in the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012.

#### Note 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The MCD Council makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are in respect of employee provisions and depreciation of property, plant and equipment.

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## Note 4. Australian Government financial assistance including HECS-HELP and other Australian Government loan programmes

	Notes	2012	2011 \$
(a) Commonwealth Grants Scheme and Other Grants	30.1		
Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement		-	-
Total Commonwealth Grants Scheme and other Grants		-	_
(b) Higher Education Loan Programs	30.2		
FEE-HELP		3,290,077	2,432,759
Total Higher Education Loan Programs		3,290,077	2,432,759
(c) Scholarships	30.3	-,,	_,,
Australian Postgraduate Awards	00.0	395,887	257,728
International Postgraduate Research Scholarship		63,978	61,633
Total Scholarships		459,865	319,361
(d) DIISRTE Research	30.4	-137,003	517,501
Joint Research Engagement Program	50.4	333,488	312,212
		,	636,299
Research Training Scheme		727,109	030,277
Implementation Assistance Programme		-	_
Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories		-	_
Commercialisation Training Scheme		-	_
Sustainable Research Excellence in Universities		-	-
Other		-	
Total DIISRTE Research Grants		1,060,597	948,511
(e) Voluntary Student Unionism			
Total VSU		-	_
(f) Other Capital Funding	30.5		
Better Universities Renewal Funding		-	-
Teaching and Learning Capital Fund		-	_
Total Other Capital Funding		-	_
(g) Australian Research Council			
(i) Discovery			
Total Discovery		-	-
(ii) Linkages			
Total Linkages		-	_
(iii) Networks and Centres			
Total Networks and Centres		_	_
(h) Other Australian Government financial assistance			
Total other Australian Government financial assistance		_	_
Total Australian Government financial assistance		_	
Reconciliation			
Australian Government grants [a + c + d + e + f + g + h]		1,520,462	1,267,872
HECS-HELP – Australian Government payments			.,207,072
Other Australian Government loan programmes		3,290,077	2,432,759
[FEE-HELP]		3,270,077	2,132,737
Total Australian Government financial assistance		4,810,539	3,700,631
(i) Australian Government Grants received – cash basis			
CGS and Other DIISRTE Grants		-	_
Higher Education Loan Programmes		2,338,008	2,982,239
Scholarships		459,865	319,361
DIISRTE research		1,060,597	948,511
Other Capital Funding		_	_
Total Australian Government Grants received – cash basis		3,858,470	4,250,111
OS-Help (Net)		_	_
Total Australian Government funding received – cash basis		3,858,470	4,250,111

## Note 5. State and Local Government financial assistance

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Total State and Local Government financial assistance			-

## Note 6. Fees and charges

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Course fees and charges			
Fee-paying overseas students		412,204	274,952
Fee-paying domestic postgraduate students		1,312,692	990,425
Fee-paying domestic undergraduate students		266,605	215,314
Total course fees and charges		1,991,501	۱,480,69۱
Other fees and charges			
Conferral and Other fees		19,296	26,007
Building Improvement Contribution		-	30,000
RTI's Affiliation and Application fees		55,000	37,500
RTI's TEQSA Contributions		54,000	-
Total other fees and charges		1 28,296	93,507
Total fees and charges		2,119,797	1,574,198

## Note 7. Investment revenue and income

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Interest		116,403	120,789
Dividends		56,430	34,998
Total investment revenue		172,833	155,787
Change in fair value of financial assets designated as at fair value through profit & loss		38,468	(128,098)
Total other investment income		38,468	(128,098)
Net investment income		211,301	27,689

## Note 8. Other revenue and income

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Other revenue			
Donations and bequests		10,614	19,886
Non-Government Grants		12,032	85,607
Total other revenue		22,646	105,493
Other income			
Centenary Conference & Functions		-	68
Total other income		-	68

## Note 9. Employee benefits and on costs

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Non-academic			
Salaries		999,480	890,262
Contribution to superannuation and pension schemes:			
Funded		139,237	24,  8
Payroll tax		38,982	28,451
Worker's compensation		16,472	12,473
Long service leave expense		29,079	28,232
Annual leave (movement in provision)		16,685	27,248
Other		26,805	53,665
Total non-academic		1,266,740	1,164,449
Total employee related expenses		1,266,740	1,164,449
Deferred employee benefits for superannuation		-	-
Total employee related expenses, including deferred employee benefits for superannuation		1,266,740	1,164,449

## Note 10. Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation		
Buildings	-	-
Plant and equipment	36,106	36,105
Total depreciation	36,106	36,105
Total depreciation and amortisation	36,106	36,105

## Note 11. Repairs and maintenance

General Maintenance	5,842	3,247
Total repairs and maintenance	5,842	3,247

### Note 12. Other expenses

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Scholarships, grants and prizes		702,524	564,254
Non-capitalised equipment		6,610	929
Advertising, marketing and promotional expenses		7,577	7,200
Professional Services		185,090	71,362
Insurances		12,788	11,954
Bad & Doubtful Debts		5,254	14,879
Printing and stationery		27,102	28,776
Undergraduate Expenses		1,457,567	1,077,574
Rental, hire and other leasing fees		28,110	27,210
Telecommunications		11,863	9,423
Travel		8,774	7,085
Supervision and Examination		396,861	318,785
Graduate Diploma & certificates		1,011,929	728,469
Masters Coursework		638,390	483,759
Masters Research		102,307	102,176
Conferences		71,508	53,560
Library Funding		274,151	221,197
Conferral Expenses		21,041	16,485
Teaching & Learning Capital Fund		-	50,183
Commercialisation Training Scheme		7,500	-
Specialist University Application		-	10,684
Curriculum Development Project		40,207	85,756
Sustainable Research Excellence Project		57,130	63,040
Donations & Bequests		14,855	10,385
Miscellaneous		206,018	148,945
Total other expenses		5,295,156	4,114,070

### Note 13. Income tax

MCD University of Divinity is exempt from income tax under Items 1.2 and 1.4 of section 50.5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

## Note 14. Cash and cash equivalents

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash at bank and on hand		588,998	680,416
Deposits at call		1,623,148	2,048,276
Total cash and cash equivalents		2,212,146	2,728,692
(a) Reconciliation to cash at the end of the year The above figures are reconciled to cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows as follows:			
Balances as above		2,212,146	2,728,692
Less: OS-HELP balances		-	-
Less: Bank overdrafts		-	-
Balance per statement of cash flows		2,212,146	2,728,692
(b) Cash at bank and on hand These bank accounts earn interest at rates between 0% and 4.75%		588,998	680,416
(c) Deposits at call The deposits are bearing floating interest rates of approxi- mately 5.375% (2011 – 6.125%). These deposits are at call.		1,623,148	2,048,276
(d) OS-HELP Balance MCD University of Divinity receives no OS-HELP monies.			

#### Note 15. Receivables

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Student fees		72,658	44,575
Less: Provision for impaired receivables		12,040	12,040
		60,618	32,535
Other Debtors		448,705	48,111
Total current receivables		509,323	80,646
Total receivables		509,323	80,646

#### Impaired receivables

MCD University of Divinity has recognised a loss of \$5,254 (2011: \$14,879) in respect of bad and doubtful trade receivables during the year ended 31 December 2012. The loss has been included in 'other expenses' in the income statement.

## Note 16. Other financial assets

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Fair value through profit or loss		654,186	593,158
Total current other financial assets		654,186	593,158
Total other financial assets		654,186	593,158
Changes in fair values of other financial assets a	t fair value thr	ough profit or lo	oss are

recorded in other income in the income statement (note 7 Investment Income ).

## Note 17. Other non-financial assets

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Prepayments		64,444	68,640
Total current other non-financial assets		64,444	68,640
Total other non-financial assets		64,444	68,640

	Construction in progress	<b>Freehold</b> land	<b>Freehold</b> buildings	Plant and equipment	Leasehold improvements	Leased plant &	Library	Other plant and	Total
						equipment		equipment	
	\$	\$	÷	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	÷
At 1 January 2011									
- Cost	I	I	I	251,999	63,636	I	I	I	315,635
- Valuation	1	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Accumulated depreciation	I	I	I	(199,132)	I	I	I	I	(199,132)
Net book amount	I	I	I	52,867	63,636	I	I	I	116,503
Year ended 31 December 2011									
Opening net book amount	I	I	I	52,867	63,636	I	I	I	116,503
Exchange differences	1	1	I	I	I	1	1	1	I
Revaluation surplus	I	I	I	I	I	1	I	I	I
Additions	I	I	I	11,245	287,151	I	I	I	298,396
Assets included in a disposal group classified as held for sale and other disposals	1	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Depreciation charge	1	I	I	(15,628)	(20,477)	1	I	I	(36,105)
Closing net book amount	I	I	I	48,484	330,310	I	I	I	378,794
At 31 December 2011									
- Cost	1	I	1	263,242	350,788	'	1	I	614,030
- Valuation	1	I	1	I	I	1	1	I	I
Accumulated depreciation	I	I	I	(214,758)	(20,478)	'	1	1	(235,236)
Net book amount	1	I	I	48,484	330,310	1	I	I	378,794

Note 18. Property, plant and equipment

	Construc- tion in progress	Freehold land	Freehold buildings	Plant and equipment	Leasehold improve- ments	Leased plant & equipment	Library	Other plant and equip- ment	Total
	<del>\$</del>	S	\$	\$	Ś	\$	\$	ŵ	φ
Year ended 31 December 2012									
Opening net book amount	ı	I	I	48,484	330,310	I	I	I	378,794
Exchange differences	ı	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	ľ
Revaluation surplus	ı	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	ı
Acquisition of subsidiary	ı	I	1	I	1	I	I	1	1
Additions	ı	I	I	71,426	I	I	I	I	71,426
Assets classified as held for sale and other disposals	ı	I	I	(29,307)	I	I	I	I	(29,307)
Depreciation charge	ı	I	I	(11,025)	(25,081)	I	I	I	(36,106)
Closing net book amount	I	I	I	79,578	305,229	I	I	I	384,807
At 31 December 2012									
- Cost	ı	I	I	293,061	350,788	I	I	I	643,849
- Valuation	ı	I	1	1	1	I	I	1	1
Accumulated depreciation	I	I	1	(213,483)	(45,559)	1	I	•	(259,042)
Net book amount	I	I	I	79,578	305,229	I	I	I	384,807

Note 18. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

## Note 19. Trade and other Payables

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Creditors & Accruals		203,196	769,985
Total current payables		203,196	769,985
Non-current			
Total non-current payables		-	-
Total payables		203,196	769,985

## Note 20. Borrowings

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financing arrangements			
Unrestricted access was available at balance date to the following lines of credit:			
Credit standby arrangements			
Bank overdrafts		20,000	20,000
Unused at balance date			
Bank overdrafts		20,000	20,000

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### Note 21. Provisions

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Employee benefits			
Annual leave		88,723	24,  6
Long service leave		23,176	77,489
Study Leave		15,498	15,234
Total current provisions		127,397	216,839
Non-current			
Employee benefits			
Long service leave		75,552	37,882
Total non-current provisions		75,552	37,882
Total provisions		202,949	254,721
(a) Movements in provisions Movements in each class of provision during			

the financial year, are set out below:

2012	Annual Leave	Study Leave	Long Service Leave	Total \$
Current				
Carrying amount at start of year	124,116	15,234	77,489	216,839
Additional provisions recognised	-	264	-	264
Net movement	(35,393)	-	(54,313)	(89,706)
Carrying amount at end of year	88,723	15,498	23,176	1 27,397

		Long Service Leave	Total \$
Non-current			
Carrying amount at start of year		37,882	37,882
Additional provisions recognised		37,670	37,670
Transferred to Current Liabilities		-	-
Carrying amount at end of year		75,552	75,552

## Note 22. Other Liabilities

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current			
Fees in Advance		80,770	45,366
Total current other liabilities		80,770	45,366

## Note 23. Reserves and retained surpluses

The University has set aside reserves for funding received for which future expenditure is expected as follows:

		Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
(a)	Reserves			Ŧ
	Building Fund Reserve, to enable the University to establish its own building.		318,566	278,762
	Movements Building Fund Reserve			
	Balance 1 January		278,762	312,617
	Transfer (to)/from retained earnings		39,804	(33,855)
	Balance 31 December	-	318,566	278,762
	<b>Reserves</b> Scholarships Grants Reserve, funding through Australian Postgraduate Awards & Endeavour International International Postgraduate Research Scholarships			
			338,302	204,738
	Movements			
	Scholarships Grants Reserve		204 720	170.01
	Balance 1 January		204,738	179,01
	Transfer (to)/from retained earnings Balance 31 December	-		204,73
	Balance ST December		338,302	204,738
	<b>Reserves</b> DIISRTE Research Grants Reserve, funding through Joint Research Engagement Program, Research Training Scheme, Commercialisation Training Scheme, & Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories and Sustainable Research Excellence		308,734	411,614
	Movements			
	DIISRTE Research Grants Reserve			427.00
	Balance 1 January		411,619	437,82
	Transfer (to)/from retained earnings Balance 31 December	-	(102,885) 308,734	(26,205
	<b>Reserves</b> Other Capital Funding : funding through the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund		-	19,24
	Movements			
	Other Capital Funding			
	Balance 1 January		19,241	363,84
	Transfer (to)/from retained earnings		(19,241)	(344,606
	Balance 31 December	-	-	19,24
	<b>Reserves</b> Other Special Projects: funding through Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement and Australian Learning and Teaching Council		1,100	125,43
	Movements			
	Other Capital Funding			
	Balance 1 January		125,438	140,08
	Transfer (to)/from retained earnings		(124,338)	(14,650
	Balance 31 December		1,100	125,43
Tota	al Reserves	_	966,702	1,039,79
(b)	Retained surplus			
	rements in retained surplus were as follows: Retained surplus at 1 January		1,740,060	1,256,26
	Net operating result for the year		558,133	90,20
	Add/(Less) transfer (to)/from BF Reserves		(39,804)	33,85
	Less transfer to Scholarships Grants Reserves		(133,564)	(25,727
	Add transfer from DIISRTE Research Reserve		102,885	26,20
	Add transfer from Other Capital Funding Reserve		19,241	344,600
	Add transfer from Other Capital Funding Reserve		124,338	14,650
	Retained surplus at 31 December		2,371,289	1,740,060

#### Note 24. Key management personnel disclosures

#### (a) Names of responsible persons and executive officers

The following persons were responsible persons and executive officers of MCD University of Divinity during the financial year:

Graeme Blackman (Chancellor),Sheila Bellamy, Paul Beirne (Dean and CEO to 13 April 2012), Peter Carpenter, Terence Curtin, John Henderson, Margaret Jackson, Michael Kelly, Andreas Loewe, Andrew Menzies, Robert John Morsillo, Christiaan Mostert, Sue Norman, Joel Plotnek, Frank Rees, Peter Sherlock (Vice-Chancellor from 16 April 2012) and William Uren.

#### (b) Other key management personnel

During the financial year the key management personnel, holding authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of MCD University of Divinity, were Paul Beirne (up to 13 April 2012) and Peter Sherlock (effective from 16 April 2012).

#### (c) Remuneration of Board Members and Executives

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, to Board Members by the entity and related parties in connection with the management of affairs of the entity:		-	_
		Nun	nber
Remuneration of Board Members			
Nil to \$9,999		17	14
\$10,000 to \$19,999		-	-
Remuneration of executive officers			
\$130,000 to \$139,999		I	-
\$160,000 to \$169,999		I	1
(d) Key management personnel compensation			
Short-term employee benefits		252,654	141,560
Post-employment benefits		40,978	21,279
		293,452	162,839

#### Note 25. Remuneration of auditors

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Audit services			
Fees paid to UHY Haines Norton			
Audit and review of financial reports and other audit work		12.950	14,225
Fees paid to related practices of UHY Haines Norton		-	-
Total remuneration for audit services		12,950	14,225

#### Note 26. Contingencies

At the date of this report there are no contingent liabilities.

#### Note 27. Subsequent Events

Since the end of the financial year, there have been no significant subsequent events that would materially affect the financial statements.

## Note 28. Commitments

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
(a) Capital commitments			
As at 31 December 2012 MCD University of Divinity had outstanding capital commitments of \$nil (2011 \$nil).			
(b) Lease commitments			
Commitments in relation to leases contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities payable:			
Within one year		27,807	27,240
Later than one year but not later than five years		111,229	108,960
Later than five years		55,614	81,720
		194,650	217,920

The above commitment relates to the lease of the University's premises. The University exercised its second option to renew the lease of its premises for a further 8 years from 1 January 2012. There is a further option of 5 years available under the terms of the lease. The annual lease is subject to annual CPI increases.

## Note 29. Reconciliation of operating result after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Operating result for the year		558,133	90,209
Depreciation and amortisation		36,106	36,105
Net (gain)/ loss on sale of non-current assets		2,307	-
Fair value (gains)/loss on other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(38,468)	128,098
Provision for Annual Leave		(35,393)	27,248
Provision for Long Service Leave		(16,642)	28,232
Provision for Study Leave		264	(12,829)
Decrease (Increase) in trade debtors		(428,677)	600,222
Decrease (Increase) in other operating assets		4,196	(19,528)
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors		(566,789)	(118,984)
Increase (decrease) in other operating liabilities		35,404	43,462
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities		(449,559)	802,235

		Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement	n Higher 3raduation ment	Total	le
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		I	I	I	I
Net accrual adjustments					
Revenue for the period	4(a)				
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		85,500	100,000	85,500	1 00,000
Total revenue including accrued revenue		85,500	000'001	85,500	1 00,000
Less expenses including accrued expenses		(85,500)	(14,500)	(85,500)	(14,500)
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		I	85,500	I	85,500
30.2 Higher Education Loan Programmes			MCD		
		FEE-HELP	IELP	Total	le
	Notes	2012 \$	2011	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		2,338,008	2,982,239	2,338,008	2,982,239
Net accrual adjustments		952,069	(549,480)	952,069	(549,480)
Revenue for the period	4(b)	3,290,077	2,432,759	3,290,077	2,432,759
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		I	I	I	Ι
Total revenue including accrued revenue		3,290,077	2,432,759	3,290,077	2,432,759
Less expenses including accrued expenses		3,290,077	2,432,759	3,290,077	2,432,759
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		I	I	I	I

Note 30. Acquittal of Australian Government financial assistance

30.1 Commonwealth Grants Scheme and Other DEEWR Grants

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Note 30. Acquittal of Australian Government financial assistance (continued)	cial assis	stance (con	tinued)				
30.3 Scholarships				MCD			
		Australian Postgraduate Awards	ostgraduate rds	International Postgradu- ate Research Scholar- ships	Postgradu- :h Scholar- ps	Total	al
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		395,887	257,728	63,978	61,633	459,865	319,361
Net accrual adjustments		I	I	T	I	I	I
Revenue for the period	4(c)	395,887	257,728	63,978	61,633	459,865	319,361
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		95,811	82,318	108,927	96,693	204,738	110,971
Total revenue including accrued revenue		491,698	340,046	172,905	158,326	664,603	498,372
Less expenses including accrued expenses		281,223	244,235	45,078	49,399	326,301	293,634
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		210,475	95,811	127,827	108,927	338,302	204,738
30.4 DIISRTE Research			MCD				
		Joint Research Engagement Program	search it Program	Research Training Scheme	Training tme		
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$		
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		333,488	312,212	727,109	636,299		
Net accrual adjustments		1	I	1	I		
Revenue for the period	4(d)	333,488	312,212	727,109	636,299		
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		I	I	346,133	294,650		
Total revenue including accrued revenue		333,488	312,212	1,073,242	930,949		
Less expenses including accrued expenses		333,488	312,212	767,408	584,816		
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		I	I	305,834	346,133		
Surplus to be carried forward		I	1	305,834	346,133		

30.4 DIISRTE Research			MCD		
		Joint Research Engagement Program	search nt Program	Research Training Scheme	Training eme
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
-inancial assistance received in CASH during the reporting beriod (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		333,488	312,212	727,109	636,299
Vet accrual adjustments		I	Ι	I	I
Revenue for the period	4(d)	333,488	312,212	727,109	636,299
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		I	I	346,133	294,650
Total revenue including accrued revenue		333,488	312,212	1,073,242	930,949
-ess expenses including accrued expenses		333,488	312,212	767,408	584,816
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		I	I	305,834	346,133
Surplus to be carried forward		I	I	305,834	346,133

30.4 DIISRTE Research (continued)			MCD		
		Sustainable Research Excellence	Research ence	Total	al
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		1	I	1,060,597	948,511
Net accrual adjustments		1	I	1	I
Revenue for the period	4(d)	1	I	1,060,597	948,511
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		55,086	1 32,774	411,619	437,824
Total revenue including accrued revenue	I	55,086	132,774	1,472,216	1,386,335
Less expenses including accrued expenses		55,086	77,688	1,163,482	974,716
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		I	55,086	308,734	411,619
Surplus to be carried forward		I	55,086	308,734	411,619

Note 30. Acquittal of Australian Government financial assistance (continued)

30.4 DIISRTE Research (continued)		MCD	
		Commercialisation Training Scheme	ition Training me
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		I	1
Net accrual adjustments		I	I
Revenue for the period	4(d)	1	I
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		10,400	10,400
Total revenue including accrued revenue		10,400	10,400
Less expenses including accrued expenses		7,500	I
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		2,900	10,400
Surplus to be carried forward		2,900	10,400

## Note **30**. Acquittal of Australian Government financial assistance (continued)

30.5 Other Capital Funding					
			ng and 9 Capital nd	То	tal
	Notes	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011 \$
Financial assistance received in CASH during the reporting period (total cash received from the Australian Government for the Programmes)		-	-	-	-
Net accrual adjustments		-	-	-	-
Revenue for the period	4(d)	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) from the previous year		19,241	363,847	19,241	363,847
Total revenue including accrued revenue		19,241	363,847	19,241	363,847
Less expenses including accrued expenses		19,241	344,606	19,241	344,606
Surplus / (deficit) for reporting period		-	19,241	-	19,241
Surplus to be carried forward		-	19,241	-	19,241

## Note 31. Financial instruments

Table 31.1: Interest rate exposure and maturity analysis of financial assets

				\$					
			In	terest rate exp	osure		Past du	e by	
	Weighted average effective interest rate	Carrying amount	Fixed interest rate	Variable interest rate	Non-inter- est bearing	Less than 1 Month	1-3 months	3 months - 1 year	1-5 years
2012	%								
Cash and cash equivalents	4.00	2,212,146		2,211,786	360				
Receivables	-	509,323			509,323	491,418	17,905		
Other financial assets at fair value	-	654,186			654,186				
Total Financial Assets		3,375,655		2,211,786	1,163,869	491,418	17,905		
2011									
Cash and cash equivalents	4.50	2,728,692		2,728,332	360				
Receivables	-	80,646			80,646	80,646			
Other financial assets at fair value	-	593,158			593,158				
Total Financial Assets		3,402,496		2,728,332	674,164	80,646			

#### Note 31. Financial instruments (continued)

The following table discloses the contractual maturity analysis for the College's financial liabilities:

#### Table 31.2: Interest rate exposure and maturity analysis of financial liabilities

			\$						
			Inte	rest rate exp	osure		Maturity	/ dates	
	Weighted average effective interest rate%	Nominal amount	Fixed interest rate	Variable interest rate	Non- interest bearing	Less than 1 Month	1-3 months	3 months - 1 year	1-5 years
2012									
Payables	-	203,196			203,196	203,196			
Total Financial Liabilities	-	203,196			203,196	203,196			
2011									
Payables	-	769,985			769,985	769,985			
Total Financial Liabilities	-	769,985			769,985	769,985			

Table 31.3 discloses the impact on net operating result and equity for each category of financial instrument held by the University at year-end as presented to key management personnel, if the above movements were to occur.

#### Table 31.3: Market risk exposure

			\$						
		Interes	st rate risk				Other p	rice risk	
		-1	%	+1	%	-10	1%	+1	0%
		(100 basi	s points)	(100 basi	s points)				
	Carrying amount	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity	Profit	Equity
2012									
Financial assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	2,212,146	(22,118)	(22,118)	22,118	22,118				
Receivables	509,323	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other financial assets at fair value	654,186					(65,419)	(65,419)	65,419	65,419
Financial liabilities:									
Payables	769,985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total increase/(decrease)		(22,118)	(22,118)	22,118	22,118	(65,419)	(65,419)	65,419	65,419

#### March 2013

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 December 2012

Certification

In our opinion:

The attached financial statements of MCD University of Divinity present fairly the financial performance for the year ended 31 December 2012 and the financial position as at 31 December 2012.

The attached financial statements and notes comply with the Financial Management Act 1994 and with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (A-IFRS), Australian Accounting Standards (AAS and AASB standards) and other mandatory reporting requirements, including the requirements of the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, Financial Reporting Directions, Standing Directions and Business Rules.

At the date of this certification, there are reasonable grounds to believe that MCD University of Divinity will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due; and the amount of Australian Government financial assistance expended during the reporting period was for the purposes for which it was intended and MCD University of Divinity has complied fully with the requirements of applicable legislation, contracts, agreements and various programme guidelines that apply to the Australian Government financial assistance identified in these financial statements.

In addition, we are not aware at the date of signing these statements of any circumstances which would render any particulars included in the statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

Dr Graeme L Blackman OAM Chancellor

13th March 2013

**Tricia Lewis Director of Finance** 

13th March 2013

**Prof Peter Sherlock** Vice-Chancellor

13th March 2013

## UHU Haines Norton Chartered Accountants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY

#### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of MCD University of Divinity (the University), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012, and the Comprehensive Income Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity and Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Certification on behalf of the Council.

#### Members' responsibility for the financial report

The members of the Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act 1910* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MELBOURNE COLLEGE OF DIVINITY

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

#### Auditor's opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of Melbourne College of Divinity is in accordance with the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act 1910,* including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the College's financial position as at 31 December 2012 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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A G Roberts Partner

Melbourne

Dated this  $15^{\sim}$ 

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day of March 2013

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