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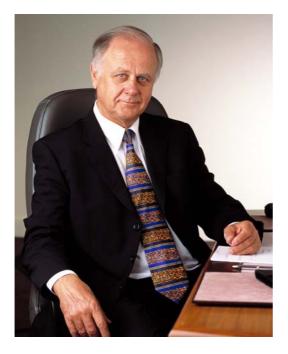
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One of our major roles as a university is to help you to meet your education and training needs in ways that match your interests and motivations. To do this, we offer a large range of education and training programs at many levels. These include TAFE certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas and Higher Education undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. We also have research degrees at masters and doctoral levels for advanced students.

We teach on our six campuses – three in Ballarat (Mt Helen, SMB and Camp Street) and at Horsham, Stawell and Ararat. As well, increasingly, we teach our students in their workplaces, in their homes and at times that suit them.

We all live in a knowledge-based society. One of our aims is to encourage our students to be comfortable with ongoing learning and to be confident that they will know how to assemble the right bits of 'knowledge' from the vast amount available in order to make decisions and move forward in their busy lives.

As one of our students, you will have access to our friendly and well-qualified staff and be part of a student population of over 20,000. You will be able to choose from more than 50 specialised Higher Education courses and over 200 TAFE courses.

We are very proud of our students' achievements dating back over 130 years. Ballarat was then, as it is now, well regarded for its responsiveness to students and employers and for its relevant and rigorous programs. Our many distinguished graduates from all walks of life are our proof.

We hope that by joining us that you can enhance your own life as well as the lives of your families, friends and those in the broader community who depend on skilled hands and active minds. We must all aim to help our communities to be drivers of changes that are occurring globally, leading such changes where appropriate, rather than waiting for others to tell us what to do next.

On-going training and learning are important keys to success today and in the future, and further, can be a lot of fun at the same time! I wish you every success in your chosen program.

Professor Kerry O Cox Vice-Chancellor 4 Introduction

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