

Victorian College of the Arts  
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## VCA launches Graduate School

**The Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts at the University of Melbourne has announced the launch of the VCA Graduate School - an exciting new destination for postgraduate study and research training.**

The VCA's **Graduate School**, located at the College's Southbank campus, will be the umbrella body and student support institution for a range of courses from graduate certificates, graduate and postgraduate coursework programs, masters by research and PhD programs. It will provide scale, focus and effective management of professional education, research and research training in the arts.

Associate Professor Su Baker, acting Director and Dean and Head of Art at the VCA said the Graduate School will encompass all artistic disciplines at the College – art, dance, drama, film and television, music, production, Indigenous arts management, community cultural development and interdisciplinary research through the Centre for Ideas – and will include convergent and emerging new media forms.

“With the launch of the Graduate School, the VCA becomes one of few institutions globally to host this spread of disciplines at the graduate level. The VCA is ideally positioned to present a new and innovative model of artistic research and graduate education for the twenty-first century,” said Associate Professor Baker.

“The VCA continues to focus on the important high quality undergraduate experience. However, in order to reflect the growing interest in postgraduate study in the creative arts sector over the past fifteen years, there has been increasing attention paid to strengthening this significant area of the VCA's educational programs. The launch of the VCA Graduate School will make the College an even more attractive destination for graduate studies,” she said.

Research at the Graduate School critically examines contemporary arts and creates and redefines it through the activities of its practicing artist/researchers. VCA academic staff are dedicated practitioners and theorists from all art forms and represent a wide spectrum of experience, skills, knowledge and expertise.

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**Associate Professor Su Baker is available for interview**

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