



Dear Alumni and Friends

It's almost the end of 2020 and, unusually for this time of year, we are right in the middle of exams.

You will remember when exams were completed by mid-November and, as a student, you had the long summer break to look forward to – to take a break from academia, to work your summer vac job, to go home to spend time with family, and to prepare for what the following year would bring.

Predictably, in a wild roller-coaster year, our academic calendar has been pushed back somewhat. However, it is testament to the grit and will of both our staff and our students that we have achieved the academic year – and it remains now to complete the 2020 final exams, to mark all of our students' work, and to post final results.

As the Dean of Law, I can only stand back in admiration and appreciation for all the work that went into achieving this feat. Our Faculty staff – academic and administrative - have applied themselves with commitment and determination to ensure that teaching and learning remain at the top of the agenda. For most of our students, this year has been extremely challenging – but we like to think this has been more than a “remote learning” curve and that these hard-working lawyers-in-development have learned much about personal strength in the face of adversity, and will have picked up valuable skills for the challenging world of work.

So many of you too will have experienced challenges, difficulties, sorrows and fear during this year. If you would like to share any stories of how you have managed your lives, your work and your families this year, please do send them to us at the link below and we will make these available online as part of our shared covid learning for 2020.

Being forced into remote working mode has really brought home the urgency of pushing forward with the establishment of the Faculty's Centre for Law & Technology, and to maximise its potential for developing new platforms for legal service delivery, as well as research and investigation into the legislative environment governing (or needed to govern) the world of technology and online services into which we have all been unforgivingly catapulted this year. With space now available in the Kramer Building for the Centre, we have made good progress on our Centre and we look forward to sharing further developments as they unfold.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our alumni donors again for the very generous support given to the Faculty in response to our winter funding appeal. This has really made a difference to the kind of support we are able to ensure is in place for our Law students.

I would also like to wish you all a calm and restful conclusion to 2020, and hope that you are able to make time to take leave and to relax with your families.

I wish you the very best for an altogether improved 2021.

Yours in Law,

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