Welcome to TC Beirne School of Law
Professor Patrick Parkinson AM
Dean of Law
Welcome to Law at UQ

• Congratulations!
• Applications up nearly 20% from 2018
• Minimum entry went up from 97-98 ATAR
• Particularly warm welcome to:
  • Students who live outside Brisbane
  • International students
• UQ Law now ranked as one of the top 40 law schools in the world
Surviving first year

• First year is a big transition
• No longer monitored by teachers – or even parents
• Learning is your responsibility
• Adjusting to less class time
• More reading!
• Loneliness, depression and anxiety
• People are here to help you
Today’s Event

- Lots of information
- A few introductions
- Four messages:
  1. Realise how fortunate you are
  2. Realise what you can do with a law degree
  3. Realise how much law is changing
  4. Don’t just focus on your studies
1. Realise how fortunate you are

- It is not easy to get into UQ Law: large numbers of others would love to have your place
- Don’t take it for granted
  - Top experts in the Law School and other disciplines
  - Strong connections to the legal profession
  - Famous visiting speakers:
    - The Hon Michael Kirby
    - James Allsop, Chief Justice of the Federal Court
- Make the most of all that UQ has to offer
- Prioritise coming to class and participating
2. Realise what you can do with Law

• Law gives you great opportunities for yourself
• Law gives you great opportunities to help others
• Law can be a great force for good
• The importance of the rule of law
• Protecting human rights
• At the end of your career, what difference will you have made?
3. Realise how much law is changing

The effect of digital disruption and technological change.

The importance of statutory interpretation.

The significance of alternative dispute resolution.
4. Don’t just focus on your studies

Take advantage of the co-curricular program:

- Mooting
- UQ Pro Bono Centre and Internships
- UQLS and other student societies
- University societies
- Makes you are more rounded individual
- Impresses employers
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
2019 Welcome

Professor Fiona Rohde
Deputy Dean (Academic)
• Opportunity to meet students and staff
• Planning your week
• Tips to Surviving the Semester and week 1
• Other Opportunities available
Tips for Surviving First Year

Be Organised
Know when things are happening in each course

Be Prepared
Think about the skills & knowledge you might need and who can help
Program Plans and Emails

Please follow your program plan:
If you have any questions or need any help regarding your program plan, please contact your Academic Administration Officer at the BEL Faculty.
Email: bel@uq.edu.au

Check your email regularly
Key Dates

Important dates online: www.uq.edu.au/startingatuq/

Domestic students:

• You should have enrolled on mySI-net by now.

International students:

• You must enrol via mySI-net by 22 February.

All students:

• Add or substitute courses by end of week 2 without penalty.
Key Dates

Finalise enrolment by Census Date*:  
• Semester 1 = 31 March; Semester 2 = 31 August

Last day to drop courses without academic penalty (financial liability will remain):
• Semester 1 = 30 April; Semester 2 = 30 September

You are responsible for confirming your program of study and ensuring that you enrol in the correct courses by the due dates.

*If you have not paid all of your fees by the semester census date your enrolment will be cancelled.
What does a week at uni look like?

- Are you trying to fit too much into your week?
- How you manage your time – the big issue!
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Information

Online

• First Year Students: https://bel.uq.edu.au/starting-at-bel

• All Students:
  • my.UQ: https://my.uq.edu.au/
  • Program planning toolkit: www.bel.uq.edu.au/program-plans
BEL Student Experience Team

BEL Student Centre
Level 2, Colin Clark Building (39)

✉️ bel@uq.edu.au
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bel.uq.edu.au/bel-student-centre
Here to help you:

- BEL Student Experience Team & BEL Student Centre (L2 Building #39)
- Law School Office Level 3 Forgan Smith
- Director Co-Curricular
- Student Services & Workshops (hear from shortly)
- Student Employability Team (hear from shortly)
- Library staff (hear from shortly)
- Student Union & Student Associations (hear from shortly)
- Lecturing Staff (Academics)
Co-curricular Program

Ms Genevieve Murray
Director, Co-curricular Programs

Jacqui Lynagh
Director, Wellness

• First Year Court Visit
• TCB Wellness
• Mooting
• Pro Bono
The School of Law is committed to promoting the wellbeing of the TC Beirne student community, and equipping students with the self-management skills they need to thrive whilst in law school and beyond into their professional lives.

Studying law can be challenging and involve hard work, so maintaining your wellbeing throughout your journey is fundamental. Don’t use up all your energy struggling through, or covering up your distress if you feel you are not coping. Use the resources in this site to proactively practise self-care, connect with friends and access professional support if you need to.

Specific first year support
Survival guides from former students, tips from the library, important policies, your...
Overseas Opportunities for Law Students

• New Colombo Plan and Endeavour funding – short term (4-6 weeks) and semester exchanges.

• Law students have recently visited Indonesia (anti-corruption), China (criminal justice and law reform), Samoa (law reform) and New York (international trade law).

• Opportunities are also available in India (sports law), Austria and Switzerland (people smuggling), Malaysia (environmental law) and Washington (joint LLB/LLM Program).

• We encourage you to get involved throughout your degrees!
Student Societies

- ALPSA
- JATL
- UQILS
- UQLS

- Law Science and Technology
In Re TCB

Check your UQ emails for fortnightly updates.
Survival Week 1

- Check SI-net before each class to ensure your rooms have not changed
- Know where the rooms are
- Know when your classes start
- Be prepared for some traffic/transport problems
- Don’t panic if things change
First Year Teaching Team

LAWS1700 Foundations of Law
• Mr Russell Hinchy (Coordinator)
• Dr Iain Field

LAWS1701 Laws of Contract 1: Principles of Contractual Agreement
• Dr Ryan Catterwell (Coordinator)
• Professor Nick Gaskell
• Mr Stephen Carius
Final Words

• Ask questions - If you are not sure please ask

• Take the time to learn new skills and meet new people

• Take the time to get involved and enjoy uni
Thank you

Contact information for students:
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General Enquiries:
Ph: (07) 3365 2206
Email: tcblaw@law.uq.edu.au
Web: law.uq.edu.au
BEL Student Employability Team (SET)
‘Get SET, ready, go…’
What we do?

• We are here to help you build your professional and personal profile through our range of employability programs.

• We partner with external employers, alumni, businesses, government and community organisations to develop opportunities for student learning and engagement and to connect you with work opportunities.
Program and services

- World of Work
- BEL SET Conference
- Career Pathways
- “Get Job Offers” Workshops
- One on one Consultation

Mid Degree - SET the Bar High
- Community Engagement Program (CEP)
- Student Work Experience Program (SWEP)
- Lunch and Learns
- Workplace Cultural Excursions
- The Edge Leadership Series
- Internships45

Penultimate and Final Year - SET for Success
- Career Mentoring Program (CMP)
- Management Consultancy Boot Camp
- Behind the Scenes
- Tips and Tricks
- Mid-Tier Mixer
The Employability Award is an extra-curricular program that gives students the chance to build skills that future employers value, such as leadership, teamwork, communication, problem solving and cultural awareness.

The program is free to join and you can enrol at any time during your degree. To be eligible to receive the award you must complete and reflect on the following experiences.

employability.uq.edu.au/award

“My participation in the award was instrumental for enhancing my employability. By backing up my academic achievements with solid professional and volunteering experience, I was able to develop a variety of skills and capabilities that are vital to operating in the workforce.”

Kate Goodfruit
Our goals look beyond graduation.

The Student Employability Team (SET) is dedicated to assisting students from the BEL Faculty to increase their employability, access opportunities and manage their careers. BEL SET’s services are supplementary to the services offered by the UQ Student Employability Centre.

More importantly, we are about creating opportunities to get ahead. It's not just a foot in, it's a step up. Because when you get SET, you go further. Get SET ready, go.
StudentHub – Useful resources tool and events

SET Consultation
To make a booking follow these steps: [https://studenthub.uq.edu.au/](https://studenthub.uq.edu.au/)

1. Log on to UQ StudentHub
2. Click Appointments
3. Select a BEL Topic
4. Select a Time and Date
5. View appointment
6. Book Appointment
7. Submit a BEL SET Consultation Request Form

BEL students can book a consult to discuss career planning, work experience, resume/cover letter or any other employability related topics.
SET Resources

To access SET resources:

Step 1
Log on to UQ StudentHub

Step 2
Select BEL SET from My Groups

Step 3
Click Resources
Opportunities for BEL Students

Work experiences / Internships / Graduate & Paid roles

We post all available opportunities on StudentHub. There are opportunities open to all students.

studenthub.uq.edu.au/

International Opportunities

Going Global’s 80,000 page database contains Country Career Guides, City Career Guides, corporate profiles, worldwide job and internship openings.

globalgrad.uq.edu.au/
Like ‘UQ BEL Student Employability Team’ on Facebook!
Contact BEL SET

Visit StudentHub
studenthub.uq.edu.au/workgroups/bel-set
For the latest information on employability, programs, events and workshops.

Visit Us
Room 107, Level 1
Colin Clark (Building 39)

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Thank you

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https://www.facebook.com/UQBELSET/
https://studenthub.uq.edu.au
Law Library
Introduction to the Law Library, staff and services
The Library
We connect you with what you need, when you need it

We can make your work easier and better

We’re constantly looking over the horizon at what UQ people need to be change-makers
How we can help you

Contact the AskUs service for
- help with borrowing
- membership enquiries
- student IT queries
- assistance with locating library materials

Contact your Liaison Librarian for:
- assistance with legal research
- referencing queries
Law Library

Level 2
- AskUs desk
- UQLA Collection
- Reading room
- Kitchenette
- Training room

Level 3
- Monograph collection
- Statutes and law reports
- Journals
- Individual study spaces

Level 4
- Individual study spaces
- Standing desks
- Group rooms
Legal Research Skills

These modules will demonstrate the basics of legal research, including secondary sources, case law, legislation, referencing, and avoiding plagiarism.

Digital Essentials

Develop your digital capabilities and knowledge, and learn about the UQ systems you need to succeed.
Thank you

Thomas Palmer
Liaison Librarian for Law

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Justice and the Law Society
Penelope Bristow - President
What is JATL?

JATL has two aims:

1. To promote discussion about social justice and the law

2. To provide networking opportunities and career advice for students interested in working outside of a large commercial law firm
What events do we run throughout the year?

Social Justice Forums
Discussion with panellists about social justice issues faced by CLCs

Annual Fundraising Gala
Fundraising event for the Mental Health Law Practice

Beyond Eagle Street Drinks
Networking event with a diverse array of professionals

Trivia Night
Fundraising event for the Prisoners’ Legal Service

Wigs at the Bar
Networking event with barristers, JAs and judges

Annual Professional Breakfast
Launch of our annual publication, ‘Pandora’s Box’
What events are coming up soon?

JATL PRESENTS
Annual Fundraising Gala 2019
FRIDAY 22 MARCH AT 7PM
SUMMIT RESTAURANT, MT COOTHA

JATL.ORG/GALA

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA 2019

When: Friday 22 March at 7pm
Where: Mt Coot-tha Summit Restaurant
Why: To raise funds for the Mental Health Law Practice

What can you expect on the night?

• A keynote address delivered by the Hon. Chief Justice Holmes
• Three hours of drinks and canapes
• Live music by Anthony Ball
• Over 15 raffle prizes to be won (all valued around $100-150 each)

Tickets can be purchased at: www.jatl.org/gala
How do I become a member?

Joining the JATL family is easy:

1. Visit www.jatl.org
2. Click on “membership” tab
3. Purchase membership ($5 + small processing fee)

OR you can purchase membership at Market Day – just drop by our stall
Thank you
Penelope Bristow | President of JATL
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https://www.facebook.com/justiceandthelaw/