

# FIRST YEAR GUIDE 2018



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LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY



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# WHO WE ARE



The Deakin Law Students' Society is the oldest and one of the largest student societies at Deakin University. We are a student run organisation dedicated to assisting all Deakin Law students to make the most of their time at university.

We pride ourselves on the ability to provide relevant and interesting information to students at Deakin. Our eight portfolios provide a broad range of services, from helping you to achieve your dream job to hosting exciting social events!

## OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



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# FOREWORD

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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



You are about to embark on an incredibly challenging yet rewarding journey. You'll spend nights cramming for exams, and nights out partying with your new best friends. There will be times where you will find yourself showing off your newly learnt Latin skills in the courtroom, and times where you will call the library your 'home away from home'. It is with great pleasure that I welcome to this rollercoaster ride that we call law school.

As the representative body for Deakin Law Students, the DLSS is here to ensure that your time at Deakin is a highly rewarding, engaging and memorable experience that you will look back upon and cherish. We strive to support students through a range of social, competitive, educational and career initiatives to ensure that you receive the complete law school experience.

The best piece of advice I was given as a first year was to 'dive in and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way'. Whether it's creating lifelong friendships at Law Camp or Law Ball, cross-examining a witness in one of our competitions, chasing your career aspirations at our networking events, or becoming a First Year Representative on the DLSS committee, there are always opportunities out there to get involved!

The DLSS is here to represent you throughout your time here at Deakin. We can't wait to see you at our events this year and hope that you enjoy your time at Deakin Law School!



# MEET THE TEAM

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## **PUB CRAWL**

*1st March (O-Week)*

*Tickets @ DLSS stall*

The 2018 Pub Crawl features three exclusive locations in Richmond, that are revealed to attendees via text on the day. With awesome drink specials and an all-black dress code, much fun is sure to be had! Tickets are guaranteed to sell out, so get in quick!

## **FIRST YEAR LAW CAMP**

*23-25 March, near Anglesea*

Law camp is the best way to get to know your first year law mates and get a footing into the social life of Deakin Law. An action packed weekend with fun activities and parties to get you groovin' into the year. *"One of the best things I did in my first year of uni, made all my uni mates there and wish I could go back every year!"* - Third year Deakin Law Student.





## **PAINT PARTY**

*19th April*

The Deakin Law Paint Party is one of Deakin's biggest events and is an amazingly messy night. Hundreds of litres of paint, crazy confetti and heaps of DJ's pumping tunes all night. Make sure to wear white, get wild and be a part of Deakin's legendary Paint Party.

## **LAW BALL**

*13 August, Crown Palladium*

The Deakin Law Ball is one of our most spectacular events held during the year. Held at one of Melbourne's most prestigious venues, the Palladium at Crown Casino, the Law Ball features live performances, fantastic guest DJ's, and entertainment to keep you enthralled throughout the night. Don't miss out on exclusive access to the after party to continue the fun well into the night!





# EDUCATION (PALS)

The Peer Assisted Learning Sessions ('PALS') is a student-run initiative aimed at helping students revise, maintain and work through course content.

As a First Year, you will be able to attend sessions for Contract Law (MLL111) this semester. This will provide you with additional support on top of your tutorials to help you succeed in your very first law unit. PALS is not run for Legal Principles & Skills. As you will find out soon enough, this is a relatively straight forward unit.

## **THE BENEFITS?**

You will be entitled to all of your tutor's notes and other supplement material. It's a great opportunity to meet other keen law students (and potential study groups!). You will receive exam advice that is essential in your first year of uni, and the support you need to complete the course. And even better, it's FREE for any DLSS member.

## **WHEN AND WHERE?**

The 50 minute tutorials will run twice a week and cover revision of that weeks content and exam techniques. The time and location of each session will be posted on the Facebook group. You will need to request to be a part of this group by searching the subject name (make sure you are a DLSS member first)!

Further, the Facebook page serves as an forum for discussion for any of your questions.

## **WHO?**

The sessions are led by a PALS leader, a high-achieving student who is familiar with the unit content and able to assist with your success.

# COMPETITIONS



The Competitions portfolio gives you the opportunity to gain and refine practical skills that are intrinsic to practising law. These skills include the ability to think on-the-spot, resolve conflicts and maintain professionalism in unpredictable situations.

Throughout the year we run a diverse range of competitions to provide you with real-life circumstances to apply your knowledge and develop legal arguments in situations not found in a classroom. Participating is the best way to use your legal knowledge and soft skills in an exhilarating way.



## **JUNIOR MOOT**

This is an introductory competition with an emphasis on educating and developing young mooters. A 'moot' court is a simulated court proceeding designed to test the research and advocacy skills of participants.

## **FIRST YEAR NEGOTIATION**

Teams act on behalf of two conflicting parties to resolve a hypothetical dispute. Competitors must use problem-solving and diplomacy skills. The competition serves as a good introduction to the field of alternative dispute resolution. Intensive preparation is not required.



# LAW ELECTIVES

If you are looking to do a law elective in your first year, here are the units you can study as they do not have a prerequisite. However, some of these units can be challenging to do in your first year, so be sure to check with a course advisor to find the right electives for you!

### **MLL317: Superannuation Law**

This unit aids you in gaining an understanding of the rules that govern the setting up and running of superannuation funds.

### **MLL329: Financial Services Regulation**

In this unit you will learn about the institutions, legislative procedures and theories that deal with the regulation of financial services.

### **MLL336: International Commercial Law**

This unit gives you an understanding of the law affecting the international sale and carriage of goods, international financing, international foreign investment, international dispute resolution and e-commerce.

### **MLL342: Workplace Law**

Workplace Law discusses the common law contract of employment, including the express and implied duties of employers and employees.

### **MLL377: International Law**

This unit gives you an insight into the rules and regulations that govern relations between states.

# THE ADMISSION PROCESS



So, you figured you'd like to use your law degree for your post-university career? Sadly, you don't become a lawyer as soon as you receive your LLB. Aspiring lawyers must be 'admitted' to the Supreme Court Roll before entering the profession, after which you are free to pursue your dream to become Harvey Specter 2.0. You will learn more about the process during Legal Principles & Skills. Look out for Education & Commercial Careers events relating to this process!

## YOU WILL NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING

**1**

Pass your degree.

This seems obvious, but it's easier said than done.

**2**

Complete your Graduate Diploma of Legal Training or traineeship, or a clerkship with a firm.

**3**

Apply to be admitted to practice. You must disclose all criminal offences (including fines!) that you have incurred, and must demonstrate to the Legal Services Board that you are a 'fit and proper' person.





# CAREERS

The Commercial Career's aim is to provide students with the skills and opportunities to move into a commercial law career.

We run several events throughout the year, including the Commercial Careers Fair and the Meet the Professionals Night.

Our major publication for the year is the seasonal clerkship guide, which contains information for penultimate students applying for clerkship positions.

Other smaller events include our mock interview program to test CV and interview skills with HR representatives. Furthermore, commercial practice panels will run throughout the year.

The Commercial Careers Team looks forward to seeing you at our events!

It's our goal as the Industry Careers portfolio to make sure students are aware about all the interesting and diverse pathways that the law offers.

While Deakin has a heavy emphasis on the commercial aspect of the law, the beauty of the law is that it offers so many different avenues for a career.

Our main aim is to run panel style events throughout the year with professionals from different types of law so students are aware about the broad range of practice areas that exist.

The Industry Careers team can't wait to see you at all of our panels this year!

COMMERCIAL CAREERS

INDUSTRY CAREERS

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY



This year the DLSS has introduced a new Social Justice & Equity portfolio. This means exciting new opportunities are coming your way. The goal of the Social Justice & Equity team is to raise Deakin law students' awareness about the many injustices occurring in our society and about how they can use their degrees and diverse skill sets to fight for a more just and equal society.

In 2018, the Social Justice and Equity team will add an innovative dimension to the DLSS.

We will provide Deakin law student with a plethora of resources, events and opportunities, such as:

- A newly-developed volunteer handbook;
- Stimulating, on-campus guest lectures and meaningful debates from prominent social justice fighters on a range of social justice issues;
- Volunteer opportunities for law students; and
- Thought provoking publications.

We hope to inspire future lawyers to recognise their professional responsibility to make a value-oriented, positive and lasting impact on society.

If you are interested in social justice issues and want to find out about volunteering or how to make a difference, watch the DLSS website and Facebook page or contact us at: [director-sje@deakinlss.org](mailto:director-sje@deakinlss.org)



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Recently moved to Australia for university?

If yes, Congratulations on the Continental Shift! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome you to Deakin Law School and wish you all the best as you set to embark on a journey of your lifetime.

Now that you're here, get involved in university life, try new things and remember that it's okay to take some time to settle in. Living away from your home country can undoubtedly be hard we understand and it's not uncommon to feel disconnected and a little lonely in the beginning. But by participating in the social and educational activities that the DLSS organises throughout the trimester, you'll find it easy to meet law students like yourself whom you can be friends with.

If things get too overwhelming, you can always seek assistance and advice from the International Student Support Centre which is located in Building B. This Centre deals with a range of issues and can help you with matters related to accommodation, health insurance, homesickness, fee payments, social or cultural adjustment difficulties, student visas etc.

That said, please know that we too are always here to offer you support should you need it. You can leave a message for us on our Facebook page and we'll be sure to get in touch with you!

# YOUR UNITS



## MLL110: LEGAL PRINCIPLES AND SKILLS

Welcome to MLL110 Legal Principles and Skills and to the School of Law at Deakin University! MLL110 will likely be one of the first Law Units that you will study as part of your Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree.

The purpose of MLL110 is to introduce you to the study of law and to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to become an excellent law student and successful law graduate.

This Unit provides an introduction to legal principles such as the doctrine of precedent, the Rule of Law and statutory interpretation. You will also have the opportunity to develop, and apply, practical skills in legal research, case analysis, the interpretation of legislation and the communication of legal advice.

On behalf of the MLL110 Unit Team I wish you a successful Trimester.

**Patricia Perlen | Unit Chair**

## MLL111: CONTRACT LAW

The MLL111 unit will introduce you to the common law and statutory principles of contract law. It will help you gain a broad understanding of the formation, content, scope, performance, avoidance and termination of a contract as well as the consequences of the breach of a contract.

By doing contract law, you will also learn several practical skills such as legal problem solving, legal reasoning and basic legal drafting.

After completing the unit you will be able to describe and critically evaluate contract law, apply contract law principles to factual situations, effectively communicate a resolution to contract law issues.

Additionally, you will learn to evaluate, interpret and apply domestic legislation dealing with contract law.



# THE ESSENTIALS

## TEXTBOOKS

The textbooks prescribed for your units, while expensive, are extremely beneficial learning resources. Lectures alone are not enough to help you learn the law. Textbooks provide case commentaries and practice questions — some of which are set in tutorials.

Some textbooks can be purchased secondhand, depending on whether they have been prescribed texts in the past. These can be purchased from students on various Facebook groups, through the DUSA bookshop, through the DLSS affiliated QPAY app, or through our DLSS Textbook Exchange, available under 'Services and Resources' on the DLSS website ([deakinlss.org](http://deakinlss.org)).

## PARKING

Parking at Deakin requires a permit between 8:30am and 4:30pm on weekdays. You can pay by the hour, however when you do the maths, if you're going to be at uni more than approx. 6 hours a week, a \$275 yearly permit is cheapest.

For the first few weeks out of every Trimester, and during busy assignment or exam periods, parking can be hard to come by but not impossible. Expect to need to get to uni around 9am if you want a guaranteed park, otherwise you might have to allocate up to 30 minutes or more to and a park once it's full. Parking 'across the creek' at the Elgar Road campus can be easier. Alternatively, come to uni with a friend and use the carpool carpark (Level 2 of the Burwood multi-storey car park), use the free shuttle, or park along the tram line.

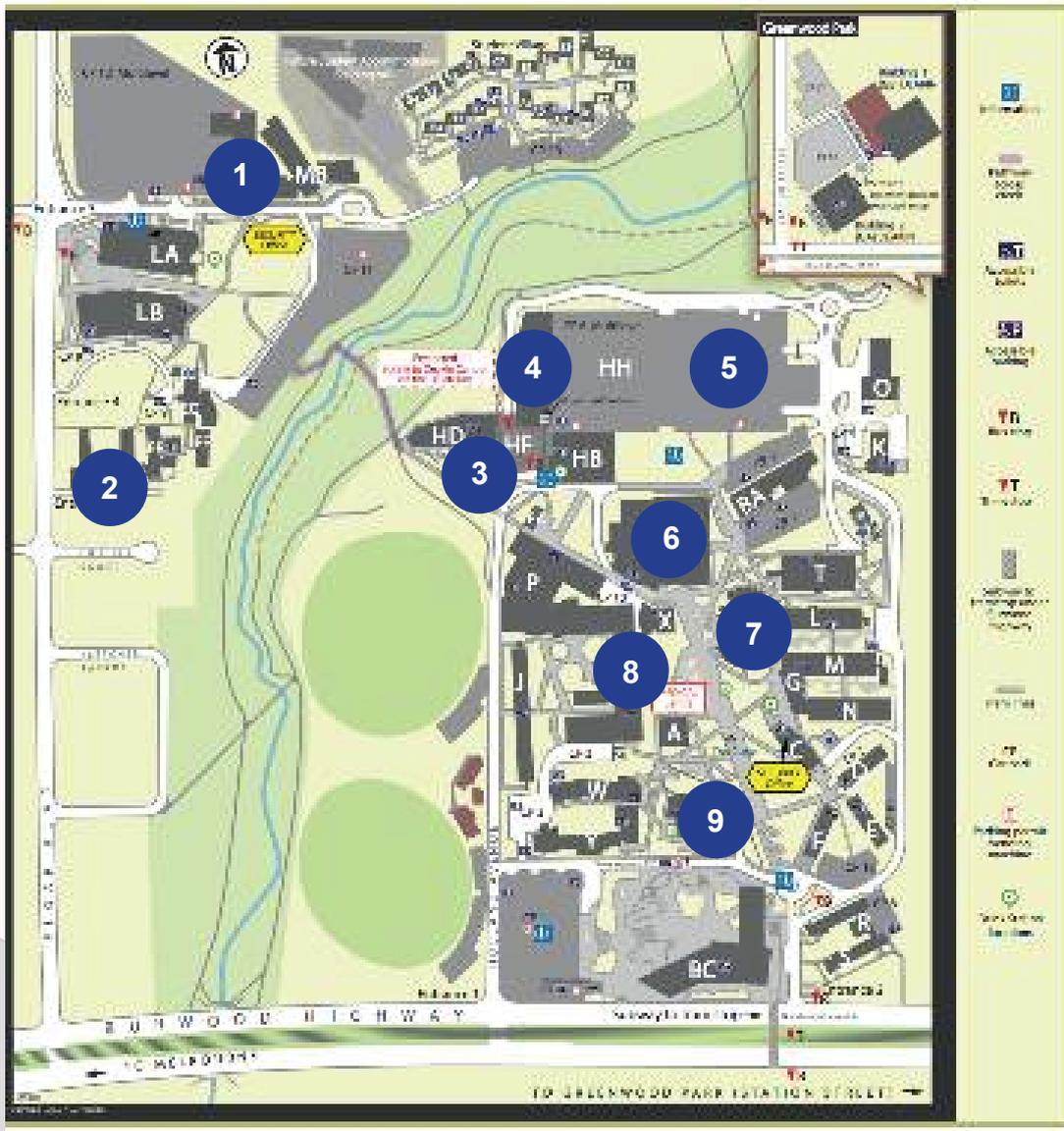
# 10 TIPS FOR STUDYING LAW



- 1.** You need to read! Do all the assigned reading for your classes and try your best to not fall behind.
- 2.** Review the slides before each class! This makes it significantly easier to follow the discussion.
- 3.** Create a study plan! By planning things out in advance, you will be able to meet all of law school's demands and still have time left over to enjoy some outside activities.
- 4.** Go to class! Physically attending the lectures helps heaps as active engagement in the learning process makes you learn the best.
- 5.** Don't wait until the last minute to do your assignments! Good legal writing takes time and practise, therefore, try to start your assignments as soon as possible.
- 6.** Attend revision lectures! They provide the most useful tips on how to answer an exam question concisely and accurately.
- 7.** Take as many practice exams as you can! Choose a practice exam paper for which a marking guide is available so you can self-evaluate your performance.
- 8.** Sign yourself up for as many DLSS competitions as you can! This will give you a taste of the more practical side of law which you won't be exposed to in lectures or tutorials.
- 9.** Participate in the social activities we have on offer! This is where you'll meet the law cohort and get a chance to form a group of friends that'll last you throughout law school and hopefully even beyond.
- 10.** Subscribe to our monthly newsletter Et Cetera available on our website to keep up to date with all things DLSS- related!



# CAMPUS MAP



- 1:** MA is where most of your law tutorials will be held
- 2:** EA is home to the school of law and the DLSS HQ!
- 3:** Lectures are often held in building HC (LT 13)
- 4:** HE is full of rooms where you'll have lots of tutorials
- 5:** You'll use this carpark the most!

- 6:** The library. Learn to love it.
- 7:** LT 1 and 2 are found in building I
- 8:** Building B is where you'll find LT 3
- 9:** Building H, level 2 hosts the law bookshop

# JOIN THE COMMITTEE



If you want to have the opportunity to represent your peers, make the most of your university experience and be exposed to a range of events and activities, then the First Year Representative position on the DLSS Committee is for you!

In the Legal Principles and Skills Lecture after law camp (the week starting 26th March), two First Year Representatives will be elected by the cohort. Keep an eye out for applications closer to the date!



