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Trinity College Foundation Studies: the preferred pathway to the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne has established itself as one of the finest universities in Australia and internationally. Its credentials are reflected in independent rating publications. The University of Melbourne has been ranked as the No 1 university in Australia by the *Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, 2004*. It is ranked No 19 in the world by *The Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) 2005*. It is also the only Australian university ranked in the top 20 in the world, and has moved from the No 22 spot in the *THES's 2004* rankings. It joins a list of well-known American and British universities and the Universities of Beijing and Tokyo.

Established over 150 years ago, the university has a long tradition of higher learning. It was founded to offer degrees to privileged students in an intimate setting, at a standard that would match that of Oxford. In subsequent decades the university embraced research, community outreach, public service and cultural activities consistent with its character as a public institution.

The university has committed itself to building an international research reputation, creating world-class working conditions for scholars, offering an innovative campus-based education to students, and maintaining a strong local presence while lifting its international profile, reach and outlook.

Recently, the university has developed an exciting vision for its future known as *Growing Esteem* which will see a range of changes to the way some undergraduate courses are delivered in the years ahead, starting as early as 2008.

Entry into the University of Melbourne can be secured via the pre-university preparation at Trinity College. Students at Trinity College are guaranteed places at the University of Melbourne if they obtain the required scores. Around 81% of Trinity graduates from February 2005 intake who applied to the University of Melbourne were offered places at this prestigious institution.

Trinity College Foundation Studies (TCFS) is a special one-year course which prepares able international students for undergraduate entry not only exclusively to the University of Melbourne but also all other leading Australian universities.

TCFS gives students the intellectual and cultural skills necessary for success at university and beyond. The program helps students to make a smooth, successful and happy transition from school in their own country to university in Australia. Students receive a broad and liberal education required for Australian university education system.

A great deal of support and assistance are provided during the course to ensure that TCFS students are able to reach their full academic potential. One of the salient features of this program is that lecturers are available for individual consultation. In addition, review lectures and extra support classes are offered in certain subjects. Trinity College believes individual attention is important therefore tutorial classes are usually limited to 15 students per tutorial.

Trinity links each student with a staff member who acts as a mentor, helping students with any issues that may arise during their time in TCFS. This mentor usually teaches the student in one of their subjects, and also meets regularly with them on a one-to-one basis. The mentor helps the student or directs them to other members of staff who provide assistance in specialist areas, such as accommodation, university entrance or counselling.

For the last 16 years, TCFS have received many talented and outstanding students from Malaysia, many of whom have gone on to pursue academic studies at the University of Melbourne and other major universities in Australia. Many have graduated and built successful careers in numerous fields in Australia, Malaysia and around the world. If you wish to experience Trinity's education, applications are now open for February 2007 intake.

For applications and more information on the February 2007 intake, please contact JM Education Counselling Centre at tel: 03-5633 4732, h/p: 016-6191 883 (Carrie) or email yvonne@jmecc.com.my or carrie@jmecc.com.my .



Trinity College provides a conducive learning for successful entry into University of Melbourne