



Graduation

Information for Graduates

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Ceremony Schedule

2 hours before



- Check in at the entry door or gate
- Check in at Academic Robing and dress in regalia

2 hours before



- Professional photography available

45 mins before



- Graduate briefing

30 mins before



- Hall opens for guest seating

Ceremony start
time



- Ceremony commences

Approx. 90 mins
after



- Ceremony concludes

After ceremony
concludes



- Light refreshments
- Return Academic Robing



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CHECK IN:

- Your ticket will be sent to you via SMS two days before your graduation event – containing two QR codes, one for entry to the venue and the other for Academic Robing.
- It is essential to have your ticket scanned on your phone as you enter the door or gate to the venue, so staff know you are present.
- A second check in is required at Academic Robing where GFP staff will be available to assist you with your regalia.

DRESS CODE:

- You should dress professionally for a semi-formal occasion, keeping in mind the season and weather on the day and that academic regalia can be quite warm.
- You will need to stand for long periods and negotiate stairs when entering and leaving the stage, so suitable footwear is highly recommended.
- We recommend a simple hairstyle as your regalia requires you to wear a mortarboard (graduation hat).
- Hired academic regalia must remain on-site at all times.
- If you are worried that you have ordered the wrong size, GFP staff can help you out on the day.

GRADUATE BRIEFING:

- There is a compulsory graduate briefing 45 mins prior to the ceremony start time. All students must take their designated seat in the hall at this time. Seat numbers can be found on your digital ticket. It is very important that students are in their allocated seat, as this is the order you will cross the stage to receive your graduation certificate.
- If you require special assistance crossing the stage, you must notify graduation@acu.edu.au prior to your graduation ceremony so arrangements can be made.

GUEST ARRIVAL:

- Doors will open for guests approximately 30 minutes before the start of the ceremony.
- If your guests plan to arrive with you, please advise them that there will be long waiting periods whilst you register, are fitted in your academic regalia, participate in photography and attend the graduate briefing.
- Guests with special needs who may require more time to enter the hall should identify themselves to venue ushers so that arrangements such as early entry can be made. All venues accommodate wheelchairs and other mobility aids.
- All attendees (graduates and guests) should remain in the hall until the ceremony concludes.



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GUEST TICKETS:

- Guest tickets are electronic and will be emailed to the address you entered at checkout. You can update guest information via the registration portal up to two days before the ceremony. If you make changes to guest details, hit 'resend tickets' to send the updated ticket straight to your guest. Each ticket has a QR code that will be scanned on entry.
- All guests, including children over the age of two, must be in possession of an electronic ticket to gain entry to the ceremony. Graduates will be seated in the ceremony **before** guests, so guests should have their electronic tickets with them.
- The number of guest tickets available depends on venue capacity. If you need more tickets than are available for you to purchase through the GFP portal, please contact us at graduation@acu.edu.au and we will see what we can do to assist.
- Guest seating is unreserved; guests are permitted to sit in any unreserved seating areas.
- **Guest tickets are not available for purchase on the day of graduation.**
- If your guests have not received their tickets, visit staff at the help desk on the day for assistance.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY:

- GFP Events will be at the venue providing a range of high-quality studio photography options for you. GFP's professional photographers are dedicated to capturing graduation memories of the highest quality.
- If you would like studio photography with family and/or friends, you must allow adequate time for the studio sitting, either before or after your ceremony. Professional studio photography takes time and some waiting in line whilst other graduates have photographs should be expected.
- **Studios open 2 hours before the ceremony start time and close approximately 90 minutes after the end of the final ceremony each day.**
- Professional photographs will be taken of all graduates on stage. These will be available to view and purchase immediately following the ceremony, close to where light refreshments are served.
- Only GFP photographers have access to aisles and front of stage vantage points during the ceremony. All guests must **remain seated** for the duration of the ceremony.
- Merchandise stalls selling graduation bears, plaques, frames and flowers will also be at the venue.

DIGITAL GRADUATION PROGRAM AND LIVESTREAMING:

- Your graduation ceremony will be livestreamed for any loved ones who are unable to attend in person: <https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/graduation/your-graduation-ceremony/live-streaming-ceremonies>
- Your digital graduation program is available to download from the same webpage. If you **deferred** your graduation, your name will be published in the program from the year and semester your degree was conferred (an earlier program).



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VENUE DETAILS

Ballarat

Mercure Hotel and Convention Centre | 613 Main Road

Parking	Public Transport	Dining
✓ Free on-site parking	🚶 3 km from Ballarat Station	☕ Lounge & Bar (on-site) 🍴 Restaurant (on-site)



Proceed to the **Victoria Room** of the Mercure Hotel to check-in and collect your gown.

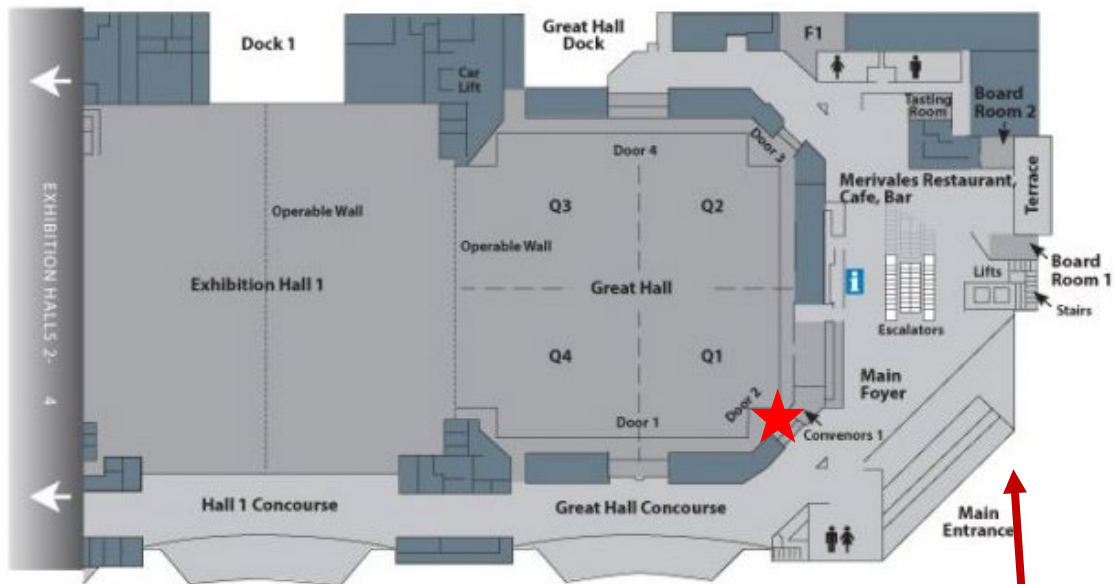


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Brisbane

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre | Merivale and Gray Street South
Brisbane

Parking	Public Transport	Dining
💰 Paid on-site parking (Closest parking: P1)	🚆 South Brisbane Station 🚌 Cultural Centre Bus Station	☕ Merivales Café Bar (on-site) 🍴 Food options along Grey Street



Entry is via the Main Entrance on the corner of Merivale St and Glenelg St. Proceed to **Door 2** of the **Great Hall** to check-in and collect your gown.

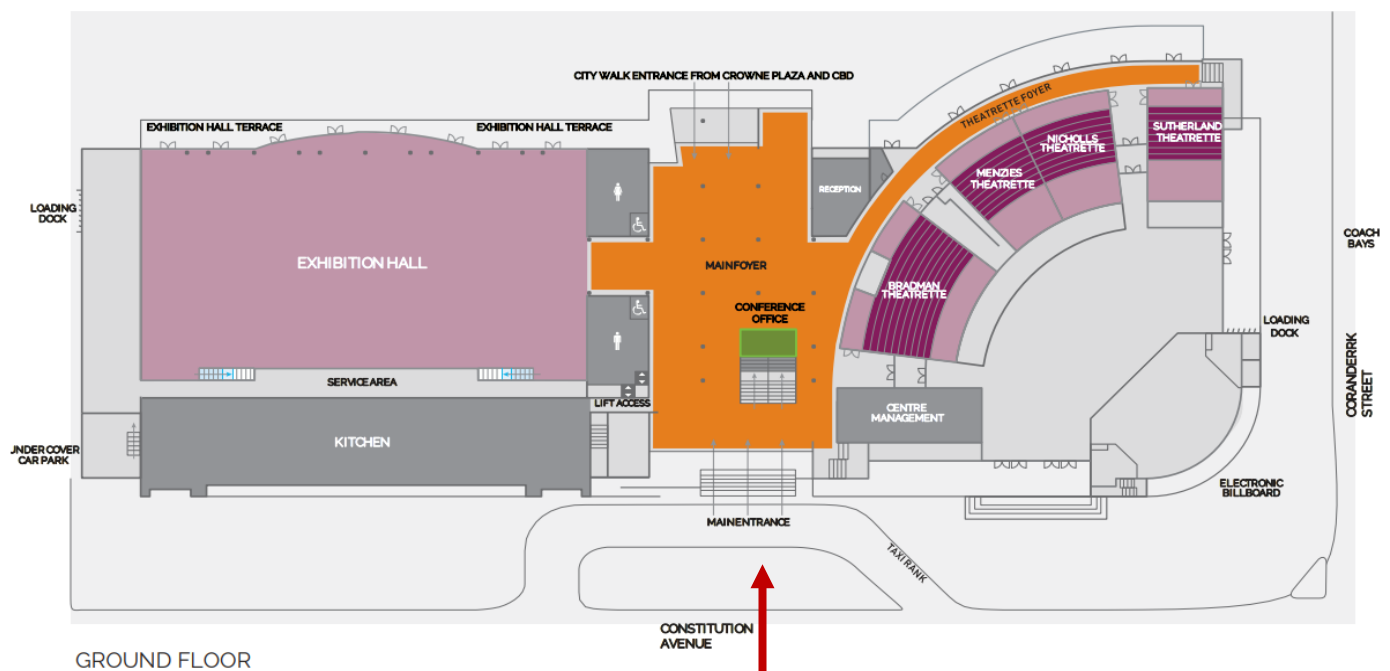


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Canberra

National Convention Centre | 31 Constitution Avenue

Parking	Public Transport	Dining
💰 Paid on-site parking	🚆 Light rail 🚌 Bus access	🍴 Local restaurants and cafes in the surrounding streets



Entry is via the main entrance located on Constitution Avenue. Check-in and collect your gown from regalia, located downstairs in the **exhibition hall**.

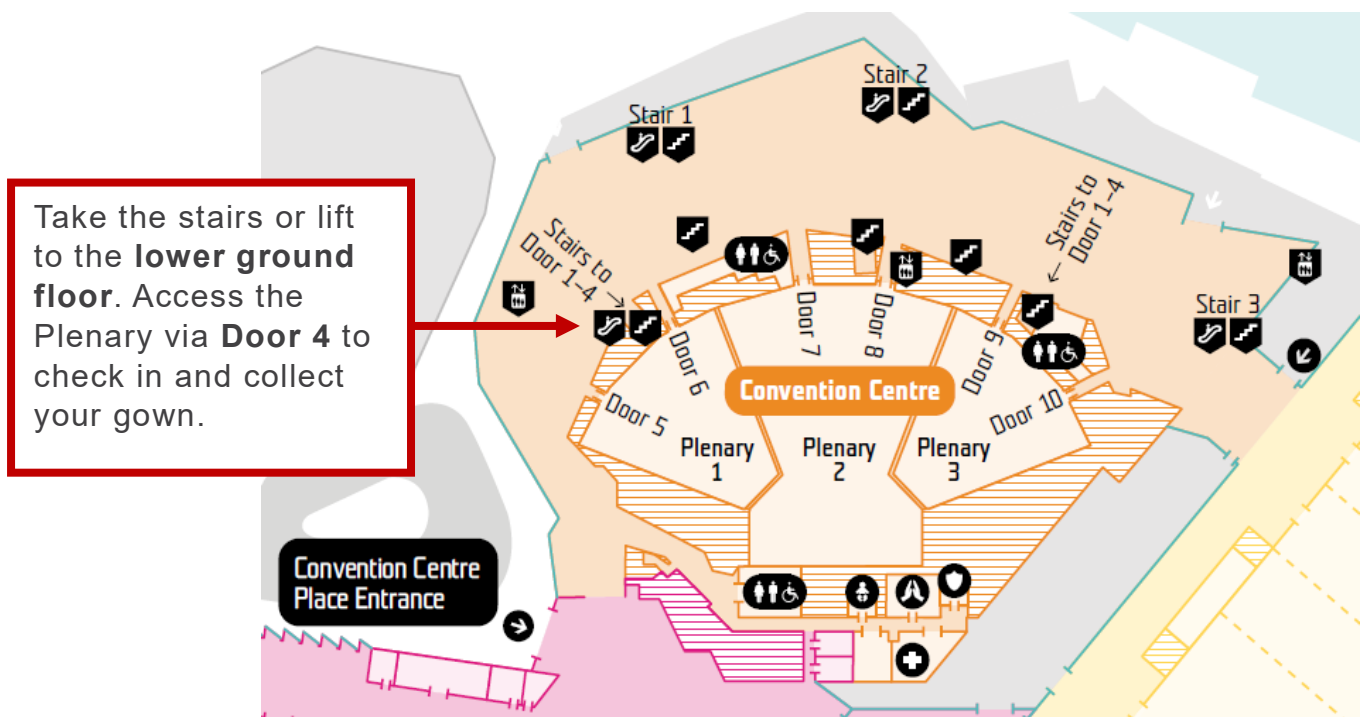


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Melbourne

The Plenary, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre | 1 Convention Centre Place

Parking	Public Transport	Dining
Paid on-site parking	10 min walk from Southern Cross Station Tram stop 124A (Casino/MCEC)	On-site café South Wharf restaurants & bars





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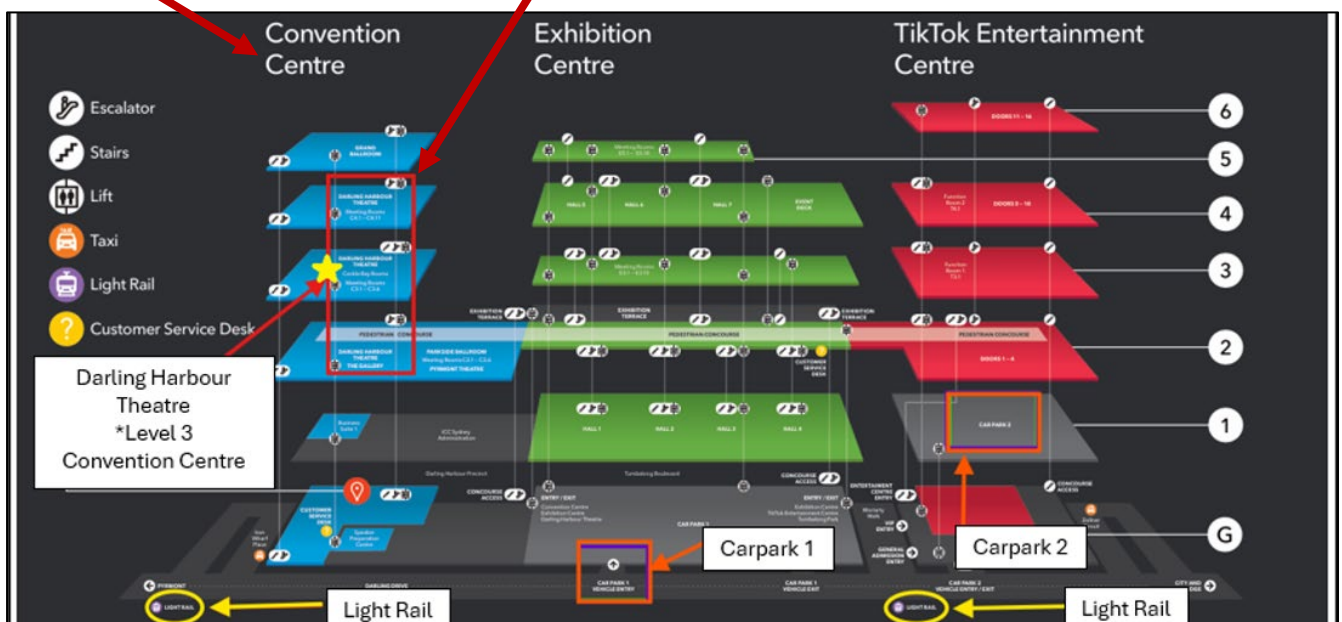
Sydney

Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre | 14 Darling Drive
Sydney

Parking	Public Transport	Dining
Paid on-site parking	Light Rail L1 (Dulwich Hill Line to Convention or Exhibition Centre stops) Sydney ferries to Darling Harbour or Pyrmont Bay wharves	On-site café (ground floor) Darling Harbour restaurants & bars

Arrive at the **Convention Centre building** of the ICC and proceed to **Level 3** to check in and collect your gown

All graduation activities are held in the Darling Harbour Theatre.



Light rail is a brief 1-3 min walk to the venue. Parking is available via Carpark 1 and Carpark 2