**Welcome to La Trobe University, from your College Pro-Vice Chancellor**

Welcome to La Trobe, I’m Tony McGrew; I’m the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce.

My name is Professor Graham Schaffer; I’m the Pro-Vice Chancellor for the College of Science, Health and Engineering

During your time here you will meet fellow students and make lifelong friendships. It can also be a challenging time especially in the first few weeks. It’s a big new environment, lots of new people and lots of new places.

I know that this can be a bit challenging in the early days, as you get used to the campus get used to new friends and get used studying again. But I think you will have a fantastic time here at La Trobe.

You can join lot of societies and there are many societies both within the College’s and also in the Student Union. So please, I think one of the key things you need to do is to engage with your fellow students and engage with those societies. Feel at home, feel part of the Community here at La Trobe.

As with anything new, make the most of the opportunities the more you put in the more you typically get out. Meet people, talk, get involved, ask questions, study hard and I’m sure you will succeed.

And don’t forget to there is a great range of services here at La Trobe. So if you are encountering any particular difficulties or if you run into any particular problems then please come along and get some extra support.

And as you join La Trobe you join a kind of global community. Many of our graduates across the world they have made their name in Sport, in Sciences, in Arts, in Creative Arts, and in Education and so on and you should exploit those contacts here through our Alumni community to.

My advice to students starting out is don’t be afraid to change, if you not sure that what you are doing and what your studying is the right thing. In my case I started off doing medicine but I quickly realised that wasn’t for me.

So my advice is to do what is interesting and don’t be afraid to change if what you find your studying isn’t what you thought it was or isn’t going to lead you to where you now think you want to go.

You will have a fantastic time here at La Trobe, great teachers, great campuses and a University of opportunity and opportunity for all.