The QS rankings were particularly kind to us in terms of, I suppose, the headline number is that our department of sociology is in the top 50 in the world – a very fine performance from them, but very strong performance from our history program (as well).

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe is unique for a number of reasons. Perhaps the most important is that it’s had a very long tradition of making, or trying to make, a significant contribution to societies. Widely recognised as having a large number of Australia’s greatest public intellectuals. It has some tremendous research strengths but it also has some very great strengths in its teaching.

We are internationally very well known for a number of areas, in particular, we have a very strong history department, one of the nation’s strongest Archaeology departments, one that has a very strong international reputation. We’ve also got a strong sociology department, a great deal of strength in English and in Linguistics – pretty much across the board. The strengths of the Faculty in a sense mesh together and create a whole which is greater than the sum of its parts.