**Sustainability Thinking video transcript**

Sustainability Thinking is a frame work by which we look at the consequences of our actions now, the way in which we choose to engage with society, culture, environment and economy so that we can maximise outputs. This will be the new electronics in terms of transforming society over the coming years.

Jasmine Thum: I think all students should learn about sustainability just because it’s a world effort. Especially now in this day and age where consumerism is at its height, so people need to know that they can help as well.

Robyl Yucel: The Sustainability Essential will help students to develop the critical thinking skills that they need to think in a sustainable way and to see the bigger picture of socio-scientific issues. I think we need to look towards the future and realise there is quite a lot of uncertainty out there for what our graduates will face. They will be in careers that we haven’t even though of yet. So what we need to do to prepare them for those careers is to give to them some vocational training, of course, but also those deeper learning skills are part of the vocational training. So in order for our students to cope with a world of rapid change they need to learn to think critically and to think sustainably so that they can take responsibility for maintaining and ensuring a sustainable future.

Noel: The Sustainability Thinking Essential will equip La Trobe students to operate in ways that transcend culture, that transcend societal values, that transcend notions of economic and environmental sustainability. It will give them a framework to think about and engage with a future that in unknown and unknowable.