



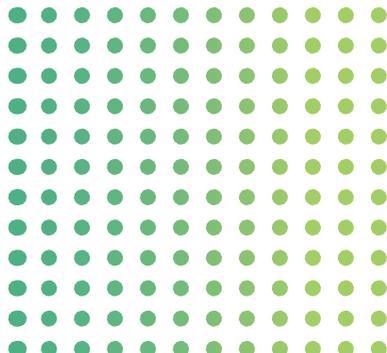
# Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching (GDECT)

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With a passion for education and a dedication to bridge critical skills gaps by offering highly qualified, job-ready graduates we cultivate an environment where freedom of speech, student-centricity, innovation, academic excellence, and sustainability are at the forefront.

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# to Laurus Higher Education

As the Chair of the Board, I am thrilled to welcome you to our vibrant community. You're embarking on a journey filled with learning, growth, and discovery at one of Australia's leading institutions. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring your time with us is both rewarding and transformative.



We pride ourselves on offering a supportive environment where every student can thrive and succeed. Whether you need academic advice, personal support, or just a friendly chat, our doors are always open.

Embrace this opportunity to shape your future with LHE. We're delighted to have you and can't wait to see what you achieve!

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Professor Todd Walker  
Chair of the Board, Laurus Higher Education

LIFE IN MELBOURNE

# LIVE, STUDY AND WORK IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST LIVABLE CITIES!



Melbourne is a bustling cosmopolitan city in the south-east of Australia in the State of Victoria that provides international students with a well-rounded educational and cultural experience, combined with a high-quality of life and abundant opportunities for personal and professional growth.

We have highlighted 4 key reasons to study with us in Melbourne:

## Multi-cultural environment

Melbourne is known for its cultural diversity, with people from various backgrounds and nationalities living and studying in the city. This multicultural environment fosters tolerance, understanding, and a rich exchange of ideas, making it an ideal place for international students to feel welcome and supported.

## Vibrant city life

Melbourne is a dynamic and cosmopolitan city with a vibrant arts and culture scene, bustling nightlife, diverse culinary options, and numerous festivals and events throughout the year.





**Melbourne consistently ranks highly in global surveys for its quality of life, safety, healthcare, and infrastructure.**

## Employment Opportunities

Melbourne offers excellent employment prospects for international students, with thriving industries in sectors such as technology, finance, healthcare, education, hospitality, and creative industries.

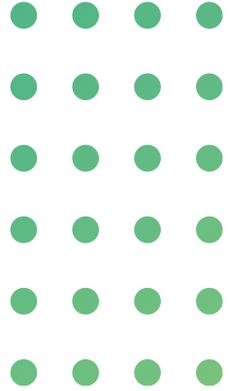
## High Quality of Life

With its clean and green spaces, efficient public transportation system, and emphasis on sustainability, Melbourne offers a comfortable and enjoyable living environment for students.



# About Us

Laurus Higher Education (LHE) is a Higher Education Institute pending regulation by the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Association (TEQSA). This authorises LHE to issue Australian Quality Framework (AQF) Certification documents for any nationally recognised qualification on our scope of registration. Our Provider No: PRV14408 / CRICOS No: 04375C



# Our Campus



Laurus Higher Education has a state-of-the-art campus at Level 3, 311 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC, 3000.

## FACILITIES

- Well-equipped classrooms with modern technology and free wifi.
- Dedicated library and private study space with laptops, printers and hard copy and online library resources.
- Student lounge with microwaves and fridges.
- First Aid / Multi Faith / Feeding room



Campus contact details:  
Phone: 03 7068 0005  
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# Graduate Attributes



LHE is committed to producing graduates who are both academically proficient and job ready, we achieve this through innovative courses that integrate technology and ensure personalised, experiential learning.

We embed, in contemporary curricula, the following distinctive set of graduate outcomes that are aligned to our course learning outcomes and designed to meet professional standards and industry expectations thereby ensuring relevance.



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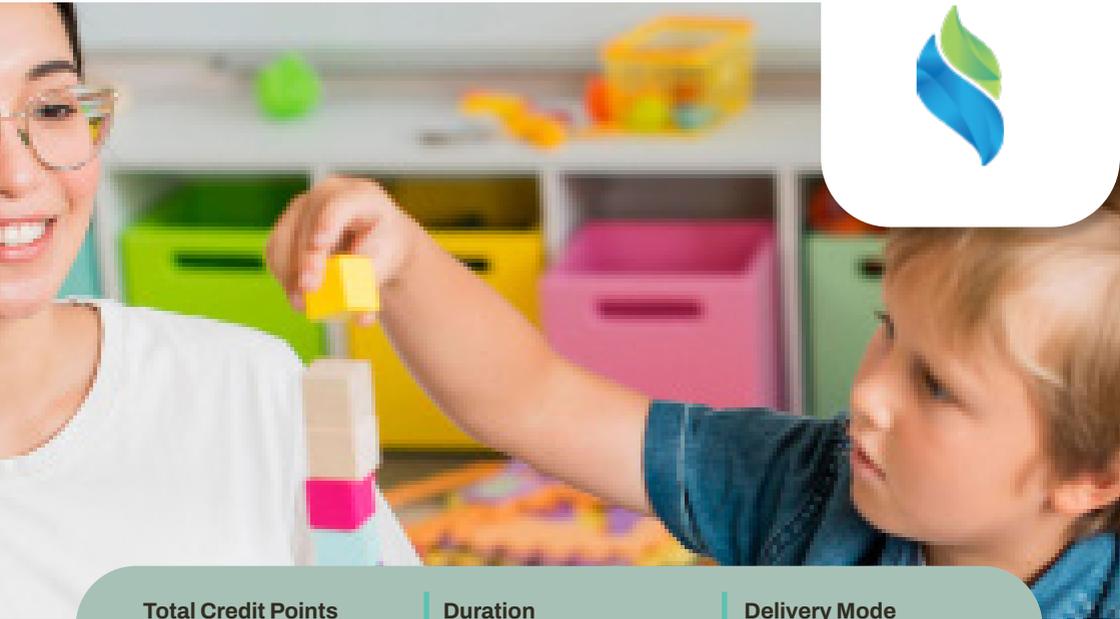
## COURSE OVERVIEW

The first few years of a child's life are characterised by rapid brain development, boundless curiosity, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge.

Recognising the profound, life-long impact of these formative years, the Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching is an innovative course that offers professional practice across two trimesters, where you will be actively involved with children under aged three (generally 0-35 months) and children aged three until before they start formal schooling (generally 3–5-year-old children).

This Graduate Diploma offers a transformative journey that will equip you with the pedagogical knowledge, professional skills, and the compassionate understanding required to create meaningful and lasting impact in the lives of young children, families, and communities.





### Total Credit Points

96 credit points  
12 credit points per unit of study  
24 credit points for Professional Practice unit

### Duration

1 Year full-time  
3 Trimesters per year of 12 weeks duration of each

### Delivery Mode

On-campus  
Hybrid

## Pathways

GDECT graduates will have the opportunity to enter master's courses in education, teaching, social sciences, and other related fields.

## Employment Opportunities

Upon graduation, students will be well placed to fulfill a variety of roles working with:

- children, families, communities, and other stakeholders, including early childhood teachers, educational leaders, and service directors.



## Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching (GDECT)



LHE's Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching is accredited with ACECQA.

**When you apply to Laurus Higher Education for Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching (GDECT) course, you must satisfy all of the following entry requirements:**

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Age

Minimum of 18 years of age on course commencement date.

#### Qualifications (one of the following)

- Domestic: completion of a bachelor's degree or higher in any field
- International: Completion of a bachelor's degree or higher in any field and IELTS result of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0. However, regarding the English Language requirement, special alternative admission arrangements are as follows:
- Minimum academic standards apply to all students, but they can apply for a English test waiver if they can demonstrate:
- \*Work experience of four or more years in full-time employment (in an early childhood context) where the language of employment, both oral and written is English (evidence from the employer is required).
- \*Study experience if applicant has completed at least 3 years of full-time studies in a university where English is the main language of study (evidence from the University is required).

#### Interview

Students who demonstrate that they have the minimum entrance criteria may be required to attend an interview as part of the application process.



#### English (one of the following)

- Completion of a bachelor's degree in Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA, Canada or Republic of Ireland.
- Successful completion of an English Language course approved by LHE from a registered English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) provider (Table A in Admissions Procedure)
- Academic IELTS: 6.5 with no skills band less than 6.0
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT: 79+
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) paper based: 79+
- OET: C+ for all components
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic (PTE-A): 58+





### Pre Placement

All Students will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check and National Police Check prior to commencing their placement. Fees for this are set by the external agencies and payable by the student at the time of applying.

#### National Police Check

Victoria Police [Apply for a National Police Check | Our services | Victoria Police](#)

#### Working with Children Check

Service Victoria [Working with Children Check | Working and Volunteering | Service Victoria](#)

#### Child Protection Training

Child protection in early childhood: online learning | vic.gov.au

#### Vaccinations

Health based placement providers may require students to undertake various vaccinations before being accepted for placement in their agencies.

# Course Structure

Unit Code	Unit Name	Credit Points	Delivery Mode
<b>Trimester 1</b>			
	History and philosophy of early childhood education and care (ECEC)	12cps	On-campus
GDECE101	Child Development and Care	12cps	On-campus
GDECE102	Inclusive Practice	12cps	On-campus
<b>Trimester 2</b>			
GDECE200	Education and Curriculum Studies	12cps	On-campus
GDECE101	Preparing for Teaching Practice	12cps	On-campus
GDECE300	Professional Teaching Experience	12cps	Hybrid
<b>Trimester 3</b>			
GDECE300	Professional Teaching Experience	12cps	Hybrid
GDECE301	The Early Childhood Professional	12cps	On-campus



# Fee Schedule

Listed below are the indicative tuition and non-tuition fees, which may change over the duration of this course

## TUITION FEES

Course Fees	Domestic	International
Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching	\$24,000	\$24,000
TOTAL including payable non-tuition fees*	\$26,000	\$26,000

## NON-TUITION FEES

Fee Type	Amount
Non-refundable course application fee	\$250
Library and material fee	\$500
Placement fee	\$1,250
Course withdrawal fee	\$1,100
Course deferral fee	\$350
Deferred payment contract fee	\$300
Late enrolment fee	\$300
Late payment of tuition fee	\$100
Late variation to enrolment fee	\$75
Fee to reissue financial records	\$50
Replacement testamur fee (includes postage)	\$150
Reissue transcript fee (includes postage)	\$70
Replacement student ID card fee	\$60
Late library returns fee	\$2 per day \$50 cap
Replacement fee for lost library resources	\$50
Replacement fee for damaged library resources	\$30
Reassessment of study outcomes for credit transfers or recognition of prior learning (RPL)	\$100

COURSE DETAILS

Policies relating to cancellations and refunds are available on our website at [www.lhe.edu.au](http://www.lhe.edu.au)

# How to apply

Our Student Experience team are available to answer student questions, or students might like to attend one of our information events. Take the first step to becoming a Laurus Higher Education student!



We encourage and welcome applications from a diverse cohort of genuine students as we believe this cultural mix enhances the learning experience for all. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants, applicants with physical and / or mental health disabilities, and applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to special support and access schemes.



**Our purpose is to provide innovative and industry focused higher education in areas aligned with current and emerging societal needs**

## **Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**



Prospective students should indicate on their Application for Admission Form whether they are applying for credit transfer and / or RPL noting the limits for each as outlined in our Policy. Current students may apply for credit or RPL during their course but prior to commencement of the unit that they are requesting credit for.

All requests should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the unit start date.



# Why choose us

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LHE is committed to producing graduates who are both academically proficient and job ready, we achieve this through innovative courses that integrate technology and ensure personalised, experiential learning.



## **Comprehensive Programs**

Our programs provide a well-rounded education that equips you with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in your chosen field.



## **Supportive Learning Environment**

At Laurus Higher Education, we prioritize creating a supportive learning environment where students feel valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.



## Career Development Resources

Laurus Higher Education offers extensive career development resources and services to help students transition smoothly from academia to the workforce.



## Nationally Recognised Qualification

LHE students are encouraged and supported to complete the LANTITE test\*, a requirement for all graduate teachers who wish to teach in states other than Victoria. Undertaking this test will open up career pathways across Australia. [Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education - Department of Education, Australian Government](#)

\*The cost of undertaking this test must be met by the students.



Visit our campus:

Level 3, 311 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000

# Student Experience

Our friendly Student Experience Team is ready to give you all the assistance you need. The first few weeks can be the most difficult time for students in a new and unfamiliar country. We recognise this and offer you a range of student support services such as:



## Accommodation

We have partnered with **Iglu, Campus Melbourne, Unilodge**, and more accommodation providers to offer special prices to our students with multiple perks. Different locations in Melbourne CBD and suburbs.



## Counselling

Whether you're feeling distressed, homesick, overwhelmed, or simply need someone to talk to, our team is here to guide you and help you explore the best options for support.



## Careers

Internally, we offer student counselling and careers support at no extra cost. Boost your job prospects while you study with us!



## Discounts

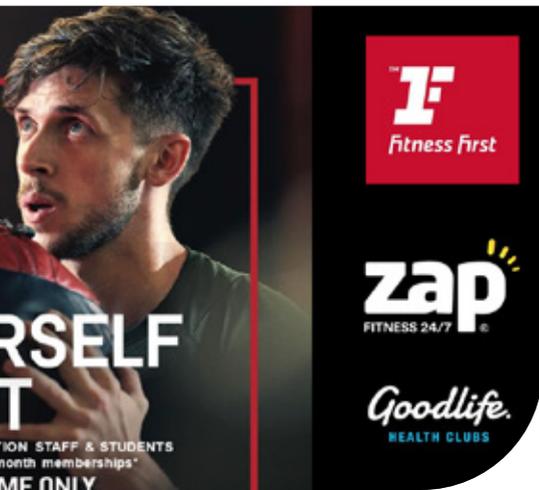
Enjoy great discounts with Fitness First, Goodlife and Zap Fitness for all Laurus Students and Staff. Discover more discounts for Coffee, Restaurants, Events and much more.





Are you feeling distressed?

We are here for you.



LHE offers a variety of services and support to enhance your academic, professional, and personal journey, contributing to a more fulfilling student experience

STUDENT SERVICES

For a full list of services check out the [Student Handbook](#)

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