



# MIDDAY GRADUATION CEREMONY 2025

## INFORMATION SHEET & FAQ

### MIDDAY CEREMONY

The midday (12 noon) ceremony will be held for NAS graduands from **BFA Ceramics and BFA Painting only**. All other disciplines and degrees will take part in the afternoon ceremony (4pm).

### TICKETS

Tickets are to be collected on the day from the Registration Desk - Building 1 (Lighting studio).

### ON ARRIVAL

You will need to register for the ceremony, collect your guest tickets and be fitted with your academic garments.

If you do not register, you will lose your opportunity to participate in the ceremony.

*Allocated arrival times for Registration (by student Surnames):*

**A to J - 10:00 am**

**K to R - 10:30 am**

**S to Z - 11:00 am**

### ACADEMIC DRESS

Staff will be available to guide you in how to wear the garments correctly and be able to assist if necessary. Candidates presenting themselves for conferral of degrees wear a plain black gown, black trencher (mortar board) and a black hood Cambridge style - the cape and cowl edged with satin of the Award colour. The tassel on the trencher cap is worn over the front right-hand side before the ceremony. Once you have received your award, the tassel is moved to the front left-hand side of the cap.





## WHAT YOU SHOULD WEAR

You are asked to dress in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Formal attire is recommended to be worn under the academic gown. We advise you not to wear loose fitting footwear as you will need to negotiate stairs to receive your award. Please note the academic hood will need to be buttoned or pinned to the front of your attire.

## PARKING

There will be no parking available on campus for the Graduation Ceremony. Metered parking is available on Forbes and Burton Streets. A commercial car park is located at St Vincent's Hospital.

## CEREMONIAL SEATING

### ▪ GRADUANDS:

All seating for Graduands is allocated according to the order of awards, so it is imperative to take your allotted seat to receive the correct degree. You must be seated in the Cell Block by 11:30 am for a briefing by the Registrar.

### ▪ GUESTS:

There is general admission, and all guests must hold a Graduation ticket to gain entry. Guests must be seated in the Cell Block by 11:45 am.

## CEREMONIAL PROCEEDINGS

- Academic Procession
- The Director's Address
- Conferral of Degrees
- Occasional Address by Guest Speaker
- Vote of Thanks
- Procession of Academic Staff and Graduates

## PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Graduands will be presented one at a time to the Director. They will be presented by their Studio Major in alphabetical order, as listed in the Graduation Program.

You shall be ushered into the side aisle by National Art School Staff and when your name is called, please walk up and onto to the stage and to the Director (centre stage) and doff your trencher in greeting. The Director will present your testamur and shake your hand in congratulations. Then please proceed across the stage and down the opposite stairs to return to your allotted seat.



## DOFFING

It is traditional to doff your trencher in a formal greeting and to do this you take hold of the front right-hand side of your trencher (cap) in your right hand and raise the trencher 5cm from your head and then replace it.

Alternatively, you may prefer to touch the brim of the trencher whilst bowing your head.

## AFTER THE CEREMONY

The Graduation Reception will be held straight after the Graduation Ceremony from 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm. The venue is TBC but will be on the NAS campus.

Academic Dress must be returned by 1:45 pm. If garments are not returned, graduates will be charged for the cost of the gown, hood at \$350. The Trencher is yours to keep.

## KEY TIMES FOR GRADUATION:

- **10:00 - 11:00am**  
*Registration & Academic dressing in Building 1 (Lighting Studio)*
- **11:30 am**  
*Graduands to be seated in Cell Block Theatre in allocated seats for briefing*
- **11:45 am**  
*Cell Block Theatre Doors open for Guests*
- **12:00 pm**  
*Commencement of Graduation Ceremony in Cell Block Theatre*
- **1:15 pm**  
*Conclusion of Graduation Ceremony, Reception commences*
- **1:15 - 1:45 pm**  
*Academic dress returns to Building 1 (Lighting Studio)*

If you have any enquiries regarding your Graduation or any of the related information provided to you above, please contact Student Services on:

- (02) 9339 8613 / 8651 or
- email [student.services@nas.edu.au](mailto:student.services@nas.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing you there.



## FAQ

### *Do I have to wear academic dress?*

Yes, Academic Dress is compulsory. If you are unable to wear academic dress, you will be required to graduate in absentia.

### *What does in absentia mean?*

'In absentia' means 'while not present' and is the term used to describe graduating without attending the ceremony.

### *If I have my own gown, or trencher can I pay less?*

No, unfortunately given all that the graduation fee covers we are unable to offer a discount for bringing your own regalia.

### *What happens if I am running late?*

If you are late, you may miss your opportunity to participate. **Do not be late.**

### *Can someone else take part on my behalf?*

No, only you can participate in the ceremony. If you are unable to make it, you will be required to graduate in absentia.

### *Can I get more than two tickets?*

No. All those graduating will be issued with strictly **two tickets**. You are welcome to ask your friends if they have a spare. **The School will not negotiate this on your behalf.**