The Confirmation Panel

Private Confirmation Panels in the Faculty of Arts & Education will generally comprise:

1. Chair
2. Principal/Executive Supervisor
3. Co/Associate Supervisor
4. External Expert*
5. Internal Academic **

* External Expert – a person with expertise in aspects of the project (methodological, theoretical, etc.) who is not (and never has been) directly involved in the carriage of the project (as a supervisor or mentor) and can fall into any of the following categories (these are described in order of preference).

1. External to Deakin – a person with relevant academic/industry expertise to provide disinterested professional critique of the research proposal.
2. External to the Faculty of Arts and Education – an academic from within Deakin who relevant academic expertise to provide disinterested professional critique of the research proposal.
3. External to the School – a person from outside of the School within which the project is being conducted with relevant academic expertise to provide disinterested professional critique of the research proposal.

** Internal Academic – a person from within the School or Discipline Area who is not on the Supervision Panel but has particular knowledge, experience or expertise that would benefit the PhD candidate in the confirmation process. Once recruited this person is a fully constituted member of the Confirmation Panel.

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