



Faculty of Arts and Education Higher Degree by Research

The Confirmation Panel

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

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

Once recruited, these people are fully constituted members of the Confirmation panel.

*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) – 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.
2. External to the Faculty of Arts and Education – an academic from within Deakin who has relevant academic expertise.
3. External to the School – a person from outside of the School within which the project is being conducted with relevant academic expertise.

An External Expert will provide disinterested professional critique of the research project.

** 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.



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