

MLS STUDENT LIFE ZINE 2/2023



SUMMER CRAFTY

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Take part in and learn more about The Crafty Collective by joining this padlet:

<https://unimelb.padlet.org/lawdigital/trjyqad278atu1uc>

The first crafty meet-up for 2023 is on 2 March, in the enrichment centre on the mezzanine.

WELCOME BACK to Melbourne Law School, on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

After too long off-campus, the student experience at Melbourne Law School is about to re-embrace the face-to-face and the tangible. Starting with this modest zine.

Student life is all about those things that happen at law school alongside your studies. The co-curricular, social, skills development, volunteering opportunities available at law school are essential for you to get ready for, or progress, a legal career.

We reckon Melbourne Law School has done a decent job at student life because of the hard work of many staff – in careers, in academic skills, at the library, in experiential learning especially – and the fabulous contributions of the student groups within the law school. The LSS, for instance, runs lots of comps and social events. We now want to present student life to you as the central and vital part of the experience of studying at MLS that we think it is. We want all MLS students, Masters and JD, to be able to tell a story about their time at MLS bringing together curricular and co-curricular experiences.

Everyone's MLS student life will be different because everyone will have different goals for their student life – getting a dream job, forging networks and making friends, taking part in competitions, contributing to the wellbeing and livelihoods of others, having a well-balanced, fun and social time.

The University has defined student life for graduate (Masters and JD) students as having four key aspects:

- **LASTING CONNECTIONS:** with each other, with the discipline of study, and with your teachers
- **NETWORKS FOR FUTURE ACHIEVEMENT AND SOCIAL GOOD:** especially networks that enable students to refine civic, social, ethical and leadership capabilities.
- An Australian university for the world: with **ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT BRING TOGETHER A DIVERSE STUDENT COHORT** in preparation for the global environment in which they will live and work.
- **STUDENT PARTNERSHIP IN THEIR EXPERIENCE:** with student life activities and the student experience being a joint exercise of students and staff.

These aspects might help you craft your journey or keep you directed in your journey. Either way, we have and will continue to have them in mind when designing the co-curricular program and student life activities at MLS. If you ever think we are lagging in any of these aspects, do shout out.

This zine is designed to highlight the many things that might form part of your student life journey: it is about allowing you to plan your story of your experience at law school as someone studying their first or second law degree. There are links to more information on the web where you will find contacts to get you connected with other folk.

We look forward to seeing you in person throughout 2023, and are excited by the activities already starting to fill the Student Life calendar (at: <http://events.unimelb.edu.au/MLSSL/>), including in the first two weeks of semester: the launch of Professor Kristen Rundle's latest book, in collaboration with the Public Interest Law Network; and the International Women's Day talk co-hosted by Associate Dean (Indigenous) Dr Eddie Cubillo and the Associate Dean (Diversity and Inclusion), Professor Ann Genovese.



MATTHEW + BRAD

LIFE + WELLBEING + MLS SPACES

Student life is happening across the law building. From the piano in the foyer, the student group activities on level 2, through to the Masters student meet-ups on level 6 and the JD chill-out spaces on level 5. In the zine we want to remind you about what you might encounter if you explore the building a bit. We also want to highlight the places where you can check-in on your wellbeing, because we know you probably won't have a great student experience if you don't care for your mental health.

Human Rights Hub and Gallery

Brand new to the foyer of 202/203 is a spot for reflection and inspiration on the topic of human rights. Portraits, Notes from Alumni, Art and a place to hang with like-minded folk. Join the human rights community here:

<https://catalog.lms.unimelb.edu.au/browse/communities/courses/mls-human-rights-community>

Careers Services is located on level 6. The Careers team administers a multitude of activities and notice platforms. Heaps of students get their first taste of law in practice or a law job through programs run by, and connections forged through, the Careers Services. Watch out for announcements and check out the Careers Services and Mentoring page on your LMS Community. You can always reach out at law-careers@unimelb.edu.au

Wellbeing Services

Leon, on level 6, and Judith, on level 9, are our principal wellbeing staff members, with deep connections into the university and an excellent understanding of process and support for wellbeing and mental health. Both are members of the Student Equality and Wellbeing Committee, which discusses student wellbeing, and has staff members with portfolios to advocate for interests of our diverse study body. More info is here:

<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/students/academic-support-and-wellbeing/student-equity-and-disability-support>

Safe Spaces

The law school has safe spaces for Indigenous students and women, and parental rooms. Reach out to the relevant EO Liaison officers for details.

MLS Clinics

Straddling the mezzanine are MLS Clinics. A long list of clinical subjects are run out of the mezzanine spaces. Some training sessions directed towards the public interest are hosted here too. Various pinboards highlight the community of social justice practitioners that form part of our wider legal community. Maybe you will intern with one of those orgs.

Indigenous Law and Justice Hub and the Student Enrichment Centre

Also on the mezzanine, at the west end enveloping the student enrichment centre you will find the Indigenous Law and Justice Hub. Keep an eye out for Indigenous Law engagement activities. A social justice library is co-located with the Indigenous Law and Justice Hub, administered by the Public Interest Law Network.

The Student Enrichment Centre is a law student only space, and is designed as an other-than-study space. It is a place to chat, knit, host a book club, occasionally run a yoga or wellness session. Take your law textbooks elsewhere...

Perhaps you want to visit to the **Law Library**, where studiousness is always encouraged. Within the library on level 3 there is a law student dedicated study space (turn right from the main counter), and rooms where skills sessions and discussion and drop-in assistance sessions are held. The Ian Malkin Centre for Legal Academic Skills is co-located with the library. Together they provide you with research and legal skills support to help you.

THE STUDENT LIFE LIFTOUT

You are encouraged to use this centre spread to develop your own personal student life map. There are some maps we have developed in the centrefold. They are not meant to be prescriptive but inspirational. Those maps do indicate a different focus for different stages of your law studies.

FOR JD STUDENTS, in 1st year we think a wise focus is to make some friends, a study group maybe. So, EAGLE, and joining associations and journals are good ideas. For students in their 2nd year of the JD, we reckon the focus should shift to skills development and CV building, so look at the suite of skills programs and Careers Service offerings the law school is putting together. For students entering their 3rd or later year of the JD we have highlighted the idea of building lasting relationships, with your peers, teachers, research centres and Masters students.

FOR MASTERS STUDENTS, we want you to be able to leverage your time at MLS to improve skills, communication and legal confidence. We think that programs focusing on academic and research skills and joining a communications seminar and networking series will add to your MLS learning experience. Many of you will be undertaking a specialisation in your degree. We really encourage you to force links with affiliated research groups.

All that having been said, however, we want you to control your student life plans. You might want to do other things with your co-curricular experience. The Melbourne Plus program, highlighted on page 8, empowers students to do just that. We encourage you to have a student life plan, just like you have a study plan.

A great way to share a student life experience is to join one of the many student groups in the law school. Here is a list of all of them. Maybe mark those that you are interested to join, if not now then down the track. They all have their own communication channels, so do sign up to stay in the know:

- Film, Arts, Media and Entertainment Law Students' Association (FAME)
- Global Law Students Association (GLSA)
- Later Law Students' Network (LLSN)
- Law Students' Society (LSS)
- Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB)
- Criminal and Family Law Association
- Melbourne China Law Society (MCLS)
- Melbourne Sports Law Association (MSLA)
- Public Interest Law Network (PILN)
- Graduate Research Association (GRA)
- Science and Technology Law Association (SATLA)
- Melbourne Journal of International Law
- Melbourne University Law Review
- Law Students for Refugees (LS4R)*
- Victorian Environmental Law Students Network*

CIRCLE THOSE YOU MIGHT JOIN



You can learn more about most of these groups by scanning the QR code. Those groups marked with a star (*) bring together students from across universities, so they provide an opportunity to network beyond MLS.

The Melbourne University Law Students' Society (LSS) and the Melbourne Law Masters Student Association (MLMSA) are especially important groups. They combine social events with activities and supports targeted to JD and Masters students respectively. The LSS holds a heap of extra-curricular comps, including mooting, witness exam, and negotiation. Both associations offer ways to connect with the profession.

JD1 and JD2

For those of you just starting your Juris Doctor, welcome. You will be receiving this zine just after you have completed LMR. LMR is a great subject to get you to learn about the basics of the law and the legal system in small groups and a supportive environment. Crucially, LMR is timetabled in conjunction with orientation programs and in advance of the University's welcome back ceremonies. We hope that you found a friend or two during LMR.

We encourage you to form groups from your friends in LMR with whom you might form a moot team or join another first-year competition. The first-year moot is a challenging and rewarding experience. The topic of the moots will include issues you are discussing in class. So, if you choose to take part in the moot we think you will learn to start thinking like a lawyer and, at the same time, learn content that will be relevant to Torts, Obligations and Contracts. The first-year moot is run by the Law Students' Society.

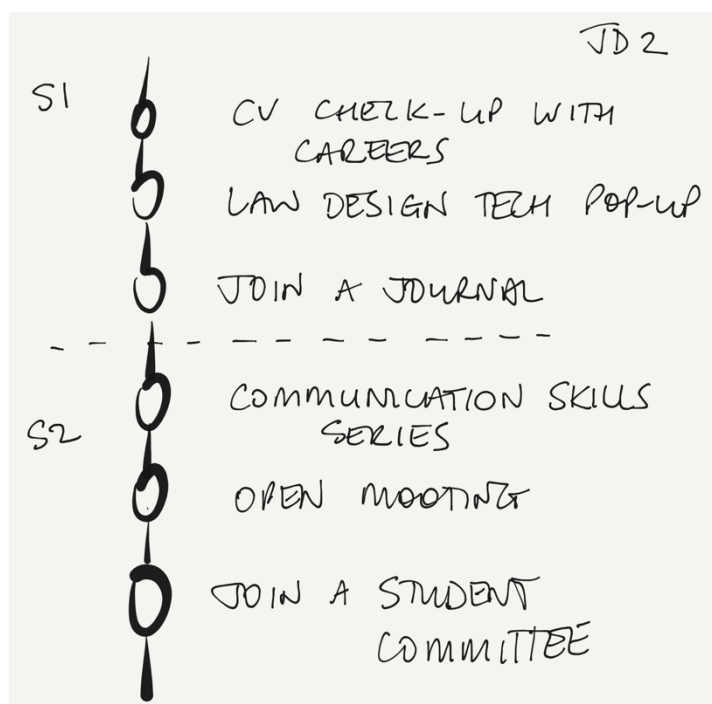
A possible STUDENT LIFE map for JD 1ST years



For second year students, we want you to think about developing skills this year. Later in this zine you will see some of the skills offerings we have planned. A call-in to the Careers Service is a second year must. As you start to think about skills development and your time after law school, get some strategic help from the Careers Service in devising your CV and filling any CV gaps. You will likely be applying for internships and clerkships soon. You likely have a semester to curate your CV a little bit, so think about gaining a Melbourne Plus credential.

Gary Cazalet will be running the Legal, Design and Tech Pop-up in semester 1. It especially has your name written all over it, second years.

If you didn't join a student association last year, this is a good year to do that because most of those associations organise careers and networking nights, which will prove useful practice for later in the year.



A possible STUDENT LIFE map for JD 2ND years

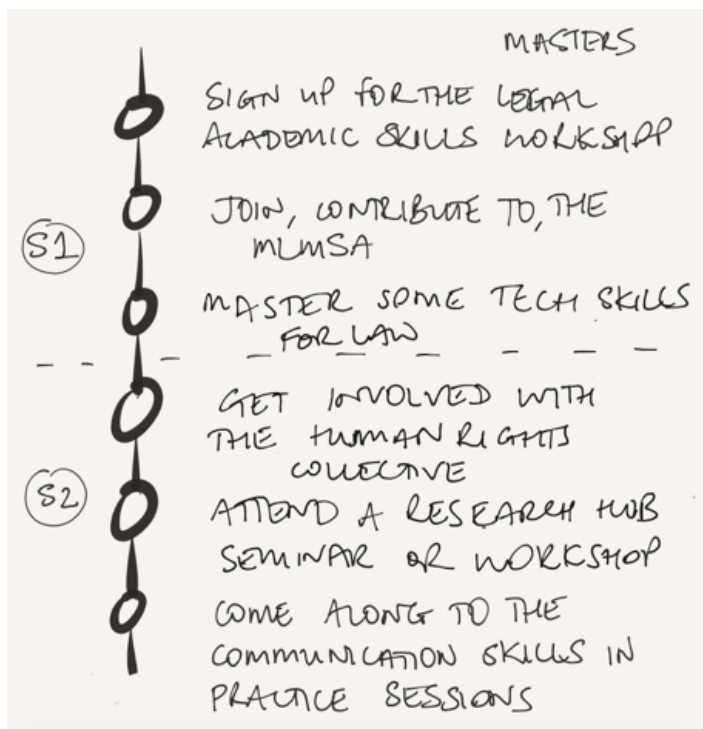
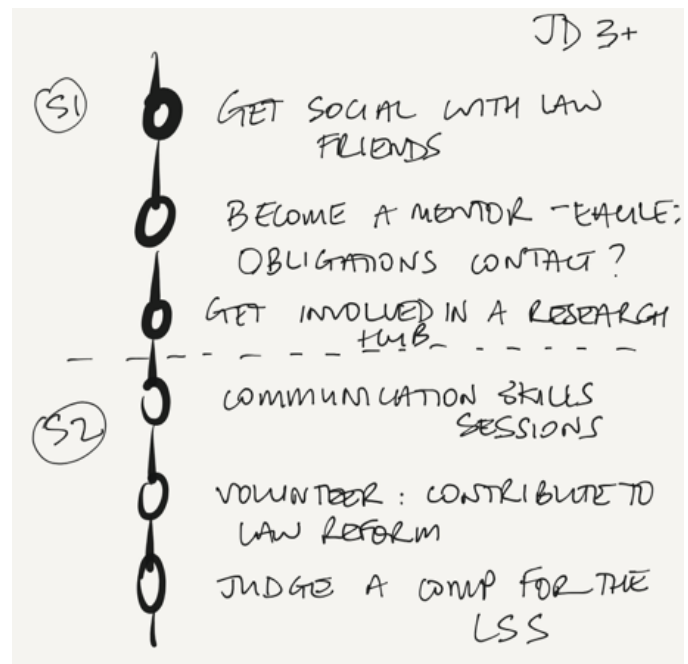
JD3+ and MLM

For those of you in your 3rd or more years in your JD, there are a couple of key student life tasks we want you to think about as you progress towards the end of the degree, all focused on lasting connections. If you have formed solid friendships within law school, then think about making them friends outside of law school too. Catch up casually in the later years lounge, invite a law friend for dinner. Gosh. Host a dinner party.

We also want you to forge a network relationship with an academic or a research hub. You might invite a lecturer or researcher for a coffee, use LinkedIn or Twitter to connect with them, or join a research event. By the end of your third year, we want you to feel comfortable to be able to ask an academic to be a referee or to be familiar with you and your work so that they would be able to write you a reference for a scholarship or your dream job.

This year is also a good one to ponder your obligations of a lawyer to the law, and to explore ways to give back. That might be mentoring within one of the many mentoring roles at the law school or doing some community work, law reform submission writing, or volunteering.

A possible STUDENT LIFE map for JD 3RD years



For Masters students, we appreciate that many of you are studying at your own pace, but there are a large number of you studying your Masters over one year. Eight subjects in sometimes as many months. To prepare you for this busy year, we are holding a Legal Academic Success intensive skills workshop, run by the Legal Academic Skills Centre. To encourage you to make some friends in a social setting, there will be social events connected with the workshops. Come along to those sessions that you think will improve your academic success. We also urge you to dedicate some time to exploring your legal interests in a broad and detailed way by taking part in the public activities of our research hubs and institutes.

More information on the skills workshop, offered in semesters 1 and 2, is at

<https://successatmls.com/lasc-workshops-schedule/>

A possible STUDENT LIFE map for FULLTIME MASTERS STUDENTS

MELBOURNE PLUS

Melbourne Plus is a self-constructed co-curricular program leading to a digital accreditation. You get credentials for doing good stuff and developing your capabilities, and you can display or describe these credentials for future employers. Melbourne Plus is designed to be a key part of your student experience. It has only been running for one year but there are many activities you can take, listed at: <https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/melbourne-plus>. The four credentials you can attain from Melbourne Plus to add to your online professional profile or CV are:

People leadership | Community engagement | Sustainability advocacy | Innovation

You get a digital credential for doing an eligible activity, then writing a reflection about how the activity helped you develop your capability. We have three activities designed especially for law students. They are:

EAGLE Facilitating or Obligations Student Contacts. This will help you develop your People Leadership capability. It is open to 2nd and later year Juris Doctor students who support JD students transition and learn legal academic skills. EAGLE Facilitating It is run through the Ian Malkin Centre for Legal Academic Skills. Find out more at <https://successatmls.com/eagle/>. The Obligations Student Contacts program is new for 2023. Student Contacts will: mark (fail/pass) work of 1st year JDs, providing interim feedback on Obligations assessments; and host social activities throughout the year for the first-year cohort.

Law + Design + Tech. This will help you develop your Innovation capability. It is open to all law students. Students can take part in training on technology skills relevant to legal research and practice with the law library or join the Law, Design and Tech Pop-up run in collaboration with law firms. In the Pop-Up students built a bot to help resolve a legal issue. More info and sign-up details are on the Student Life Calendar.

Communication Skills for Public Interest Practice. This will help you develop your Community Engagement capability. It is open to Masters and Juris Doctor students and will run in semester 2. Keep an eye on newsletters and the Student Life Calendar for details and sign-up.

Use the Melbourne Plus catalogue and the table to jot out your early Melbourne Plus activity ideas.

	CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY IDEAS TO DEVELOP YOUR CAPABILITY AND GET THE DIGITAL CREDENTIAL
PEOPLE LEADERSHIP Think about things that show: Mentoring others; Working constructively with diversity; Collaboration.	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Think about things that show: Intercultural awareness; Volunteering for the community; Service and teamwork.	
SUSTAINABILITY ADVOCACY Think about things that show: Advocacy; Interdisciplinary mindset; Resilience and adaptability.	
INNOVATION Think about things that show: Creativity; Inventiveness; Entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship.	

LAW SCHOOL SKILLS

Some of the student life skills programs coming in semester 1, 2023 are detailed below, along with links for more information. More is in store in semester 2, in particular a Communication Skills for Public Interest Practice Series!

Develop your tech skills

Once again, Gary Czalet will be running the Law, Design and Tech Pop-Up in semester 1. It is open to all JD students. Keep a look out for more information coming to your inbox and on the electronic displays. Places tend to fill up so don't equivocate too much. We also have skills training on offer from the law library on collaboration tools OneNote, Trello and Zotero. This is available to JD and Masters students. These tools will enable you to gather, organise and store research. In the training you will use these tools to research contemporary law and policy topics devised by Melbourne Climate Futures, and the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law. By joining the library sessions you will learn skills relevant to your studies and professional future while at the same time getting up to speed with legal topics that you will be able to engage with through the public discussion of the issues by these two centres. Through the five-hour program, in small groups you will: develop a research plan; search and identify relevant information to your topic; and create a bibliography of the relevant items using AGLC4. We expect you will spend an additional five hours in your own time furthering your learning of these skills or engaging in the activities of Melbourne Climate Futures or the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law.

EAGLE for JD 1st and 2nd year students

Melbourne Law School's EAGLE Program is designed to help 1st and 2nd year JD students develop their legal academic skills. The sessions are facilitated by 2nd and 3rd year JD students who are dedicated to supporting your success. The sessions take place in both semesters and are tightly linked to your assessment tasks and professional goals. The program focuses on the transition from previous studies to the specifics of law school. It includes sessions on time management, writing legal research essays, exam prep (including exam-ready notes and answering hypothetical problems), and other related skills. More information is at:

<https://successatmls.com/eagle/>

Legal Academic Success Intensive Workshops for Masters students and international JD students

Associate Professor Chantal Morton runs a series of workshops designed to support Masters and JD students who may be new to the study of the common law, new to graduate level law studies, and/or new to studying in legal English. The intensive series covers topics ranging from strategies for dealing with the volume of readings assigned for subjects, through to taking effective notes for research essays and exams, to writing 8,000 word legal research essays, and preparing for the take-home exams that run over an entire weekend. More information on all the LASC workshops is here: <https://successatmls.com/lasc-workshops-schedule/>

Strategic Legal Research

Facilitated by the Legal Academic Skills Centre and the Law Library, the Strategic Legal Research workshop series cover topics such as finding secondary sources, case law, legislation, and more. These workshops will set you up for success in law school and beyond, helping you develop the skills you need to efficiently conduct good quality legal research. These workshops are ideal for law students at any level of legal research experience in either the JD or Masters programs. For more information, see

<https://canvas.lms.unimelb.edu.au/courses/88951/pages/2023-legal-research-workshops> and <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/law-library/research-skills>

Obligations Student Contacts

Student Contacts will meet with 1st year JD students during Obligations classes at several points during the semester, guiding them with their assessment skills, providing interim assessment feedback, and hosting lunchtime events during the year to encourage friendships and connections within the first-year cohort.

FIND YOUR DISCIPLINARY PeERS

We are more than a community of students and teachers. Melbourne Law School students and academics do outstanding research. Lots of it gets published in fancy articles and books, and some of it gets what we call 'translated' for wider consumption. That might be an article in **THE CONVERSATION** or on a blog or a **PODCAST** or in a law reform submission.

The research and the impact on the real world or the law is consolidated in the law school's research hubs and institutes, and students are very much welcome to take part in the activities of these research groups. They comprise seminars, training, reading groups, public lectures and student-focused learning activities.

If you already have an idea about your legal interests, then make sure you keep a watch out for activities and events from an affiliated research hub. If you are not sure where you might take your career, pick and choose the events and activities across the array of sub-disciplinary interest areas at Melbourne Law School.

Here are our research hubs, centres and institutes:

- Asian Law Centre
- Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics
- Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies
- Centre for Corporate Law
- Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law
- Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society
- Centre for Media and Communications Law
- Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law
- Competition Law and Economics Network
- Constitution Transformation Network
- Electoral Regulation Research Network
- Family and Children's Law Research Group
- Health Law and Ethics Network
- Institute for International Law and the Humanities
- Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia
- Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law
- MLS Indigenous
- Obligations Group
- Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness
- Tax Group

**CHECK OUT THE INDIGENOUS LAW
AND JUSTICE's WHITE NOISE
PODCAST**



**LISTEN TO THE CLIMATE
TALKS PODCAST**



You can read more about these groups and receive their news and updates here:

<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/centres>

As well as these hubs, the law school also has a Human Rights Collective led by Professor John Tobin, which meets most weeks during semester, and a Public Interest Law Program run by the Director of Clinical Programs, Kate Fischer Doherty, which offers skills-based workshops, seminars and careers talks throughout the year.

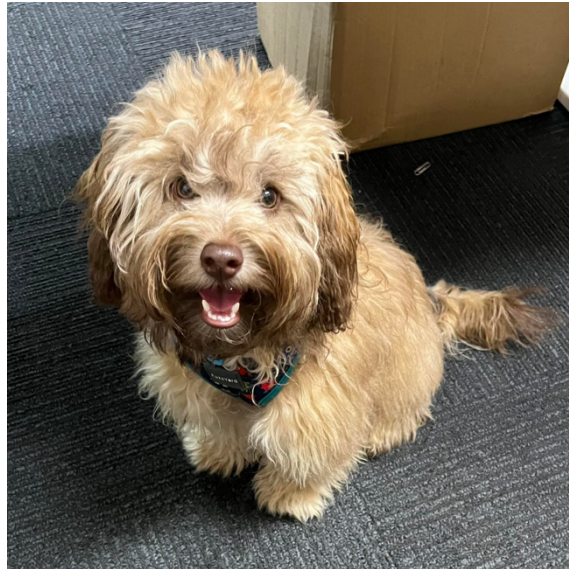
The law school is also the home of the Indigenous Law and Justice Hub (<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/iljh>), Melbourne School of Government (<https://government.unimelb.edu.au/>), Melbourne Climate Futures (<https://www.unimelb.edu.au/climate>), and the Melbourne Social Equity Institute (<https://socialequity.unimelb.edu.au/>), each offering a rich program of activities and events highlighting the broader relevance of law to governance, First Nations justice, climate change, and social equity.

PETS OF MLS

We are more than a community of students and teachers and professional education providers. We are pet lovers. And sometimes that love spills over from our home time to work time. You will likely see some of these puppas in class or strolling the corridors, mostly of level 9, during 2023.

Remember... good petting etiquette is to get low and in front of the dog and let the dog sniff your fist before touching them on the chest or shoulder.

MEET BENSON



MEET BERKELEY



MEET SIERRA

MEET GERTIE



MEET KOVU



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