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MEDIA RELEASE

New name, new vision for Ridley

Ridley College has announced a new name and a new vision to best equip men and women for Christian mission and ministry well into the 21st Century.

Ridley Melbourne, Mission and Ministry College has launched a new strategic direction in which it will offer six *learning communities*.

The communities: the Anglican Institute, Ministry Training, eRidley Distance Learning, Adult Christian Education, Professional Learning and Overseas Mission will share the same common core of practical and theological learning.

But what stands these communities apart is their focus on learning within an intimate relationally-based program.

Ridley Melbourne Principal, Rev Dr Peter Adam, explains that what Ridley is seeking to do is to embrace the strengths of the rapidly changing web-based world and combine that with the discipleship model Jesus taught.

“By creating the six distinct learning communities, we can provide the specialised skills people are looking for in an environment based around mentoring, discipleship and intellectual rigour.”

Dr Adam also announced the sale of half the Parkville site on which Ridley is located.

“Ridley Melbourne is turning a liability into an asset,” Dr Adam explained. “We are establishing a Foundation, which will be in excess of \$7 million, from the proceeds of the sale.”

“The investment earnings from the foundation will generate income and thereby provide long term financial sustainability for Ridley. We will also retain the capital value of the Foundation.”

Dr Adam says whilst this might sadden many long term supporters of Ridley Melbourne, it was an essential step in securing the future of this vital mission and ministry college.

“Now, perhaps more than ever, as instant communication impacts values on a global scale, we need to be equipping future Christian leaders who can influence a global world,” Dr Adam said.

“Our task at Ridley Melbourne cannot be overstated, and we welcome support from all who want to accompany us on this vital journey.”

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