HDR Candidate Statement: Katrina Reynen OAM

It is important to all students, current, past and future, that Monash University maintains its rightful place at the forefront of international rankings for education and research. With a rich tradition of innovation and capability in Science and Technology in particular, Monash University is educating individuals at the forefront of the biggest challenges we face in the world. The Academic Board is a pillar of the quality and standards of the academic experience for all domestic and international students, which means what is taught and the standard to which it is delivered. It is a critical role.

I have three key interest areas in my career in education: strategy and governance; innovation and excellence; and access to higher education for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. With several decades of experience as a secondary school teacher, lecturer, senior bureaucrat in the Department of Education and Training in Victoria, and Chair of the board of an education NFP, I believe I can capably and usefully contribute the skills I have gained in governance and international business development over the years to Monash University’s Academic Board. It is my way of supporting the next generation of students.

I completed eleven years of tertiary studies at the University of Melbourne and made the decision to study at Monash to complete my lifelong research interest because of Monash’s international standing and inclusive policies. I am a PhD student in the Faculty of Education, and the mother of two Monash students, studying Medicine and Commerce.