

To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

The petition of the residents of Victoria and the Victorian arts community draws attention to the House the following:

That the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and Music (VCAM) is in serious danger of losing its unique character and role as a specialist arts vocational training institution. This is due to curriculum changes made by the University of Melbourne (without consultation with students, staff or the arts community), and to a systemic funding shortfall.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

Take action to safeguard the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and Music as the premier Victorian arts training institution by 1) ensuring that its integrity as a specialist vocational training institution is maintained through freezing any curriculum changes until genuine consultation takes place, and 2) that sufficient arts funding is made available to ensure that the VCAM can fulfil its mission and service to students, staff, and the arts community.

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