Like most of the university community, 2014 has been a busy year for the Teaching and Learning group in the Education Portfolio. In March, three of the units: the Institute for Teaching and Learning, the Maths Learning Centre and the Learning Centre moved to new shared office space at Level 2 South in Fisher Library. The move has supported a number of new collaborations, and we have been able to open up our new space to host meetings and conversations with many more parts of the university community than we have done previously. We hope that 2015 brings more of these opportunities!

June saw the arrival of Professor Pip Pattison, our new DVC Education, marking the beginning of an exciting new planning phase for our work in support of a new Education Vision for Sydney. In September, the university hosted its annual Sydney Teaching Colloquium - with a focus this year on assessment standards - and in the same month, the University launched a new education innovation grants scheme as well as plans for a major revision to the suite of student feedback surveys to support a better alignment with the university's educational priorities. Amongst all this activity, there has been the business-as-usual for colleagues in the units: supporting students' learning needs, collaborating on curriculum and teaching renewal, running our professional development programs, supervising research students, supporting our Curriculum Scholars Networks, helping staff apply for teaching awards and educational grants, and supporting institutional decision-making around teaching, learning and curriculum strategy.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many staff and students who have worked with us on enhancing teaching and learning this year. It is always a collaborative undertaking. Many of you have contributed your expertise to our initiatives, welcomed us as colleagues into your classes, units, departments and faculties, and offered feedback and advice that has improved the way we operate. On behalf of the staff in the ITL, Learning Centre and Maths Learning Centre, I wish you a safe and relaxing festive season in the company of friends, family and loved ones. We look forward to fresh and inspired collaborations in the new year.

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