**Monash University Faculty of Information Technology**

**Honours/Minor Thesis**

**Sample Thesis Structure**

**1. Introduction**

The honours/minor thesis is intended to provide research training to students and the opportunity for them to qualify for higher research degree entry (e.g. PhD). Students undertake this thesis as a supervised research project that involves:

* Conducting a thorough review of current research specific to a domain in IT;
* Analysing and critiquing existing solutions and identifying questions that need to be addressed to further the state-of-the-art;
* Proposing novel and creative solutions to address specific questions and issues; and
* Conducting an objective evaluation of their research using well established
* Strategies and techniques within their discipline.

The thesis should contain the following:

* Title
* Abstract
* Declaration of originality
* Acknowledgements (optional)
* Table of contents
* List of tables and figures if relevant
* Bibliography
* Appendices as necessary

The thesis should include the following:

* Introduction
* Literature review chapter(s)
* Contribution chapter(s)
* Discussion/Evaluation chapter
* Conclusion