

**Department of Banking & Finance**  
**2024 Department Retreat**  
**Thursday 4 April and Friday 5 April**

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## **Programme Day 1**

*The bus will be available from the Dandenong Road side of Building H, Caulfield campus at 9:00 a.m.*

*If driving, ensure you arrive between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.*

*Luggage will be stored at the RACV Resort until check-in opens.*

*Families/partners can check in from 3:00 p.m. onwards.*

12:00 noon	<b>Workshop officially begins</b>  <b>Buffet Lunch - catering is based on all your attendance</b>
1:00 - 1:15	<b>Acknowledgement to Country &amp; Welcome</b>  Professor Yulia Merkoulova, HoD  Assoc. Professor Silvio Contessi, DHoD
1:15 – 3:15	<b>Teaching Focus, Introduced by Hue Hwa Au Yong</b>  Dr Estelle Wallingford (Monash BLT) - AI in teaching  Contributions by Dr Binh Do, Dr Zoltan Murgulov and Mr Wayne Huf
3:15 – 3:45	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3:45 – 4:15	<b>Research Focus, Introduced by Lyndon Moore</b>  Speaker Dr. Blake Lorient - Updates from the Databases Universe
4:15 – 6:00	<b>New Staff Members and their Agendas</b>  Speaker Dr Özlem de Neef Dursun + Q&A  Speaker Dr Minsu Ko + Q&A  Speaker Dr Leo Bao + Q&A
7:00 - onwards	<b>Canapés</b>  <b>Dinner</b>

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**Programme Day 2**

*Checkout from rooms is at 10:00 a.m.*

*RACV Resort will store luggage for those returning by bus.*

*Bus departs RACV Inverloch at 2:00 p.m. and returns to Caulfield campus*

7:00 – 8:30	<b>Breakfast based on your sitting time</b>
8:45 – 10:30	Department Meeting 01-2024
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Tea Break</b>
10:45 - 12:45	<b>Research Focus, introduced by Assoc. Prof. Huu Duong</b>  Ms Cynthia Huang (SoDa Huang and Monash EBS) – Web Scaping in FinEco Research: Risk and Opportunities  Mr Patrick Haley (SoDa Lab and Monash ECO): Unstructured text and Language models: Overview and best practices
12:45 – 1:15	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
2:00 – 4:30	<b>Bus departure back to Caulfield campus</b>