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Let's face it. The locus of the Law Faculty of UTS is not perfect. The site hardly competes with the Ivy League and sandstone of Yale or Harvard or the ancient temples of Oxford and Cambridge.

Yet, in this respect, UTS Law School is very like the Sydney Law School of the days that I attended it. Two ramshackled Sydney buildings, unhappily married together, produced some really great jurists - Evatt, Barwick, Kitto, Taylor, Murphy, Mason, Deane and Jordan, to name just a few. Present company has been excepted.

But there are three big differences. First, at UTS there is a wonderful mix of student background, age and interests. It is so much more cosmopolitan than the Law School I knew. Secondly, its Faculty are passionately interested in international issues and the outreach of the law to a wider and newer world. Thirdly, the impact of technology on the law has attracted a lot of attention and UTS Law School is one of the national centres for the digitalisation of legal data in Australia.

With a good mixture of black letter and social reflection, the old learning and the new aspirations, UTS has fashioned itself into a fine Australian Law School. Its Faculty and students can be proud. I offer congratulations on this Silver Anniversary.