

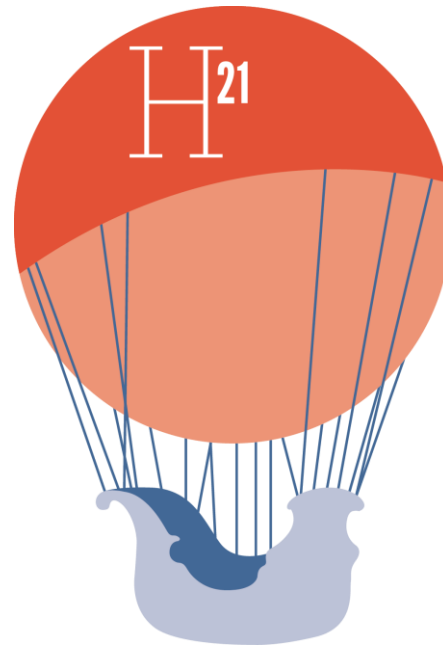
# The Humanities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## The Role of the Humanities

- The humanities - history, literature, philosophy and related subjects - have been considered an essential part of a good education since classical times.
- A humanities education provides graduates with the skills that are essential for success in a rapidly changing world.
- Many distinguished leaders have humanities degrees, including two thirds of the CEOs of Australia's largest companies.

## The Future of Work

- The average Australian stays in the same job for just 3 years and 4 months.
- Occupations are changing quickly. Many of today's jobs did not exist a decade ago.
- Twenty-first century graduates need the transferable and flexible skills offered by a humanities education to suit ever shifting employment conditions and opportunities.



## The Skills that Increasingly Matter

<b>Collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forming working relationships and building trust quickly</li><li>• Working effectively with others from different backgrounds and different beliefs</li><li>• Working with ad-hoc teams in an increasingly 'gig' economy</li></ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passing complex ideas and knowledge between team members in both written and verbal formats</li><li>• Digital collaboration between team members</li><li>• Honed written and verbal expression</li></ul>
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysing and evaluating qualitative and quantitative data</li><li>• Discerning different opinions, points of view and facts</li><li>• Forming opinions through the use of fact and reason</li></ul>
<b>Creativity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solving wicked problems</li><li>• Business innovation</li><li>• Dealing with uncertainty</li></ul>
<b>Flexibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adapting to new situations quickly</li><li>• Learning new skills quickly</li><li>• A capacity to flourish in a changing environment</li></ul>