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## **Bring Cloud and Simplicity to Financial Systems to Achieve Strategic Goals**

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# La Trobe University - Overview

- La Trobe University is a leading Australian university with metropolitan & regional campuses across Victoria and partnerships across Asia Pacific
- Global reach with over 35,000 students and 3,000 staff
- Asset base of \$1.5B and annual revenue of \$600M
- Running SAP since 1999





# La Trobe University - 2017 objectives

- Focus on Future Ready
- Excellence and creativity in key world issues
- Attracting and retaining outstanding students and exceptional staff
- Digitally connected campuses
- Game changing partners
- Sustainability - intellectual, physical and financial resources
- Disruptive Strategies



# La Trobe Future Ready - Four Key Pillars

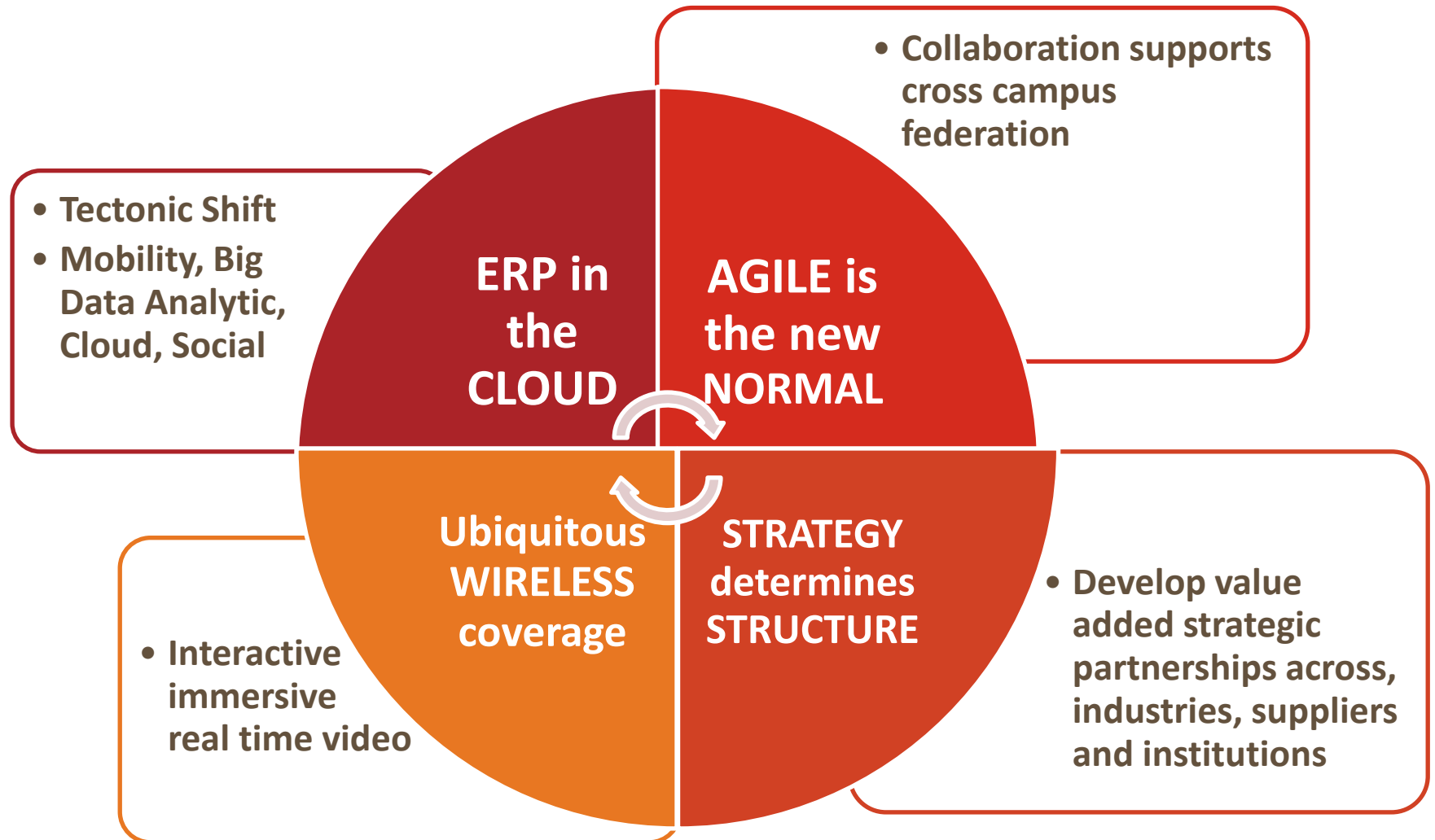
- Brilliant Basics
- Graduate Employability
- Student Experience
- Ranked in Top 500

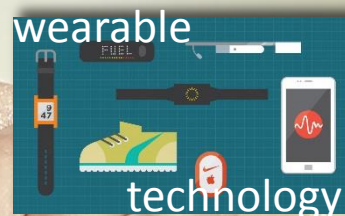


## External Factors

- Higher Education Reform Proposal
- Increasingly competitive marketplace
- Domestic and International Demand

# La Trobe ICT Planning Principles





DISRUPTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY



# ICT Strategy based on *creating time*



## Student First

- Provide integrated systems to support student experience  
For eg: Student portal
- Social Media Monitoring and Engagement Tool delivery
- Accelerated connectedness
- Mobile First



## Research

- Create time through simplification of business processes
- Enable trust for researchers to manage their own environment
- Leverage collaborative solutions
- eResearch enabled



## Digital Future

- Support T&L digital strategy through administrative and research projects
- Support student success strategies (ie: AEWS)
- Focus shift from implementation to application of IT
- Be bold, fail fast



## Cloud

- Delivery of meaningful information and decision support tools to the end user
- Managed services
- Enable and support staff & students to BYOD
- Tectonic shift

# Simple Finance powered by S/4HANA

- **Simple Finance on HANA**

Global pilot went live 5 May  
FI, CO, AA, PS, MM,  
integrated with BPC and BW  
SAP prime project

- **SAP ONE Service**

True partnership with single  
point SAP accountability  
From “one throat to choke” to  
“one hand to shake”

## Strategic Principles

Best practice &  
transformational

Simple fast  
efficient process

Drive quality &  
consistency

Post it once  
Post it right

Simplified  
security

Self service  
reporting

## Benefit Realisation

Standardise  
where possible

Simplified &  
meaningful

Growth with  
flexibility

Less customised  
reports



# La Trobe ICT Vision

**In the next two years we will:**

- Establish trusted partners
- Deduplicate and simplify
- Focus on the application of ICT, not the implementation
- Implement Digital/Cloud first strategy
- Move away from managing assets to managing information and people with a strong focus on innovation and integration
- Create time by becoming disruptive



# SCORECARD



SAP ONE Service



Cloud strategy



Simple Finance



HCM / Payroll



Interactive eLearning



Digital collaboration



Strategic analytics





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## Thank you

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