



**The University of Sydney**  
**School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering**

**CHNG4801 THESIS (semester 1) and CHNG4805 THESIS (semester 2)**

As you may be aware, thesis this year will run over both semesters (thesis A and B). You will research one topic over the two semesters, with a final thesis report to be produced.

Message from Annette Alexander (room 443):

- You should return your top 10 preferences to me by 2pm on Wednesday, 7 March 2006.
- DO NOT leave your topics on my desk, pigeon hole, counter or under the door. You must give your preferences to me personally.
- Write your preferences on a bit of paper, in order of preference, using both the topic number and name.
- Include your name and SID.

**THE ALLOCATION OF THESIS TOPICS – COMMENTS AND ADVICE**

The allocation of thesis topics will be carried out soon after the class submits their top 10 preferences as discussed above. Allocation is carried out in this way to be fair to all participating students. Please note:

- i) We will do our best to give you one of your higher preferences. However, please do not assume you will automatically get your no.1 or no.2 choice (this applies even if you have made contact with the supervising academic, or have 'read up' on the topic, etc, etc).
- ii) Be sure to give serious thought to ALL of your top 10 preferences. The Department requires that the supervisory load be distributed evenly among the academics; that is, each academic should supervise the same number of students (the actual number per academic is determined by the total number enrolled, which is not known until Semester starts). This means that there may be a topic on an academic's list of proposed projects, which may end up not being allocated at all (even if some students have indicated an interest in it).
- iii) The Head of Department (HoD) reserves the right to allocate a thesis topic to a particular student, if required (at HoD's discretion).