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VCA shake-up claims top scalp

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The Dean of the Victorian College of the Arts and Music, Sharman Pretty, has quit amid an overhaul of the institution's future direction.

The University of Melbourne says it endorses the recommendations to a review of the VCA, led by Ziggy Switkowski.

The review recommended the College delay the introduction of the so-called Melbourne Model.

Melbourne University's acting vice-chancellor, Professor John Dewar, says Professor Pretty will resign from the position in response to the review.

He says the College is now taking a different direction.

"She was the right person for the job that we had in mind when we hired her," he said.

"She's an excellent person, I have enormous admiration and respect for her.

"I think she's withstood some incredible public demeaning and I think she's done an amazing job in the circumstances."

Scott Dawkins from the Save VCA group has cautiously welcomed Professor Pretty's resignation.

"It will be very telling who the new Dean will be and who the new directors of the two new segments of VCAM that the university is proposing will be," he said.



Resigning: Sharman Pretty (University of Melbourne)

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