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Professor Paul Clark

It is a pleasure to welcome our new students to the Southern Cross University community. We are committed to equipping our graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to help launch and further their careers.

Now in its second decade, Southern Cross University enjoys a reputation for offering contemporary courses, for research that is regionally relevant and internationally significant and for flexible delivery options to help students balance their busy lives.

As a smaller, regional university, Southern Cross takes pride in the commitment and quality of our lecturers, many of whom are recognised internationally and throughout Australia as leaders in their fields.

The University is an exciting place to be. While our three campuses at Lismore, Coffs Harbour and Tweed Gold Coast offer quite different experiences, each campus is committed to offering the same high quality courses and excellence in teaching. We also strive to ensure a quality experience for our distance education students, with an online study environment that promotes collaboration and a sense of community.

We think that bringing research knowledge into our teaching is an important way to keep our innovative courses up to date. We also know that you want the skills and knowledge you will gain at Southern Cross University to be useful and relevant. That’s why we work with leaders from the disciplines and the professions to ensure our courses meet their needs and expectations.

I am sure you will enjoy the challenge that studying at university brings, and I look forward to congratulating you at the graduation ceremony that will mark the culmination of this important step along your chosen career path.

Professor Paul Clark

Vice-Chancellor