Southern Cross University Student Handbook

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Welcome to Southern Cross University. I trust that your learning experience with us will be satisfying, rewarding and engaging.

As a contemporary, progressive university, Southern Cross embraces new ways of teaching, while retaining the attributes that our students value such as comparatively smaller class sizes and an emphasis on work based experience in our courses.

We have recently reviewed all of our undergraduate degrees, simplifying many of our degree structures so that students may combine a major in their discipline with studies chosen from across the University.

We also understand that many students juggle work, family and study commitments, so flexibility is important. Innovations in flexible delivery include the use of Elluminate Live! – recognised in 2007 with the awarding of a prestigious Carrick Citation for pioneering online teaching approaches which have transformed student learning and created institutional change.

A one-on-one student mentoring program is also available, providing a valuable opportunity for students to gain advice and support as they progress through their studies.

Southern Cross University’s eastern seaboard presence is soon to expand, with a new campus at the Gold Coast scheduled to open in 2009, complementing our campuses at Lismore, Coffs Harbour and Tweed Heads. Environmental sustainability will be a high priority in the design of the new campus, drawing on our wide experience in environmental management.

Southern Cross University is a participant in eight Co-operative Research Centres, making a distinctive contribution not just to our region but internationally. We think that bringing research knowledge into our teaching is an important way to ensure the relevance of our courses.

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