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Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor
Professor Paul Clark

Welcome to Southern Cross University and congratulations for selecting a university that takes pride in its student-centred approach and distinctive achievements in teaching and research.

At Southern Cross University we understand that many students juggle work, family and study commitments so that flexibility is important. Many courses are already offered on campus or by distance education, and part-time as well as full-time. In 2009 a new Teaching Calendar takes effect, offering a framework for flexibility which over time will help students to control the pace of their studies or to better juggle their busy lives.

In 2009 we are pleased to introduce new degrees such as occupational therapy at new facilities at Tweed Heads. Our university-wide majors including the sustainability major help to equip students with the capacity to contribute sustainable solutions to the big challenges facing the world today. A further focus for 2009 is the enhancement of our on-campus teaching and recreation facilities at Lismore and Coffs Harbour campuses, and the construction of our new Gold Coast campus at Coolangatta to open in 2010.

Southern Cross University is a participant in nine Co-operative Research Centres, and we think that bringing research knowledge into our teaching is an important way to ensure the relevance of our courses.

Your time at Southern Cross University will prepare you for work after graduation and into the future, equipping you to learn throughout life so that you can re-skill, upgrade or change careers.

I trust that your learning experience with us will be satisfying, rewarding and engaging.

Professor Paul Clark
Vice-Chancellor