

The University of Newcastle is a progressive, dynamic institution recognised for research achievement, teaching innovation and access to higher education for disadvantaged groups. Our reputation as a higher education institution of distinction is built on the achievements of many members of the University's community.



The University's Australian campuses are located at Callaghan – 12 kilometres from the Newcastle City Centre; in a city precinct in the Newcastle CBD; on the Central Coast halfway between Sydney and Newcastle; at Port Macquarie on the New South Wales Mid-North Coast, three hours drive north of Newcastle, as well as offering ELICOS and Postgraduate Finance and Business programs through the newly established presence in the Sydney CBD. The University also has a campus in Singapore.

Rankings

- 9th in Australia for publicly funded research
- Top 400 in the world (375th) and 61st university in the Asia-Pacific Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking 2008
- One of the world's top 100 universities for engineering/technology and computer sciences Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings by field 2007

Recent highlights include:



- a strongly positive report from the Australian Universities Quality Agency that recognised the University as a vibrant and well-managed institution with enthusiastic students and staff
- growing demand to study at the University with a record enrolment in 2008 of 30,340 students
- recognition for our academic staff with seven Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, three Quality Teaching Awards from the State of New South Wales, eight externally funded research fellowships and the appointment of an additional Laureate Professor
- continued research funding success with almost \$25 million in new project funding from the Australian Research Council and National Health and Medical Research Council
- expanded work-based learning opportunities for our students, including sending 40 Bachelor of Communication students for work experience at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics.

Only ten universities worldwide were invited to send students to work as 'Flash Reporters' to the 2008 games

- national success for our Chamber Choir as winners of Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs
- greater collaboration and engagement with our communities through a wide range of public lectures, conferences and community-based projects particularly relating to Indigenous and environmental issues
- establishment of the University Committee on Environmental Sustainability and confirmation of the University as a leader in the Australian higher education sector in sustainable development.
- In 2008, the University was privileged to be granted approval to establish a Confucius Institute in partnership with Huazhong Normal University. It is the last Institute to be approved and the only one in a regional location in Australia. The bid received the full support of the Australian Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. The Confucius Institute will increase Newcastle's knowledge and understanding of China – its history, culture and language. It will also strengthen the University's relationship with China around practical teaching, research and intercultural issues.
- establishment of a presence in Sydney in 2009, with the opening of the University of Newcastle in Sydney, offering postgraduate programs in the areas of Finance and Business, as well as ELICOS programs



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