Welcome

Vice-Chancellor’s Welcome

Macquarie is a university on the move. It’s our aim to push Macquarie into the top eight research universities in Australia and the top 200 in the world. And we’re well on the way – boosting our research effort and ensuring our learning and teaching is of the highest class.

Macquarie has continued its rise up the Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Rankings of World Universities, moving up 17 places from 286th in the world in 2007 to 269th in 2008. Macquarie is currently ranked ninth in Australia.

International students play an essential role in Macquarie’s campus community; more than 8,600 international students studied at Macquarie in 2008, making up nearly 30 per cent of the student body.

One of the benefits of attending an Australian university is the opportunity to meet students from around the world – and here at Macquarie we have one of the country’s most diverse international student bodies.

Social and cultural events across the campus, supported by our dedicated International Student Services team, help to make students from any cultural background feel at home.

Today’s Macquarie is an advanced research university, with strong links to government, industry and the community. It has exceptional study, social and sporting facilities. And as good as we are, we’re about to get better.

I look forward to welcoming you at Macquarie University in the near future.

Professor Steven Schwartz
Vice-Chancellor

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Important Dates

ACADEMIC YEAR 2009
SEMESTER ONE
13 to 20 February Orientation and enrolment for international students
23 February Classes commence
13 to 24 April Mid-semester break
27 April Classes resume
10 June Exams commence
29 June to 31 July Semester break
SEMESTER TWO
24 to 31 July Orientation and enrolment for international students
3 August Classes commence
21 September to 2 October Mid-semester break
6 October Classes resume
18 November Exams commence
4 December Academic year ends

ACADEMIC YEAR 2010
SEMESTER ONE
11 to 19 February Orientation and enrolment for international students
22 February Classes commence
5 to 16 April Mid-semester break
19 April Classes resume
7 June Exams commence
28 June to 30 July Semester break
SEMESTER TWO
22 to 30 July Orientation and enrolment for international students
3 August Classes commence
20 September to 1 October Mid-semester break
4 October Classes resume
15 November Exams commence
6 December Academic year ends

Remember to check all academic dates prior to your departure: www.international.mq.edu.au/study/calendar
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REPUTATION
Macquarie University is one of Australia’s leading universities. The University has been placed in the top 40 in the Asia-Pacific region, and ranked ninth in Australia, by the international Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings.

Macquarie is distinguished by the quality of its research and teaching, the rigour of its curriculum, its unique environment, and its informal character, which creates life-ready and work-ready citizens with a truly global perspective.

LOCATION
In Sydney, 30 minutes drive (15 kilometres) north-west of Sydney Harbour.

CAMPUS SIZE
126 hectares, incorporating lecture, classroom, office, library, laboratory, sporting, service and leisure facilities, set on a spacious, green parkland.

STUDENT NUMBERS
Total 32,000
International 8,600