

# at a glance

IN 2000, WE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVES AND OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES OUTLINED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND STRATEGIC PLAN 2000-2004 (PAGES 10-45) – THE BASIS FOR THIS ANNUAL REPORT. OUR UNIVERSITY SENATE APPROVED THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN OCTOBER 1999 AND NO CHANGES WERE MADE DURING 2000.



## OUR STANDING

The University of Queensland was founded in 1910 as the first university in Queensland and the fifth in Australia. It is now a comprehensive research-intensive university with an international reputation as a leader among Australia's 39 universities.

We rank consistently in the nation's top two or three institutions by most performance measures, and we are one of only three Australian members of *Universitas 21* – a select alliance of research universities dedicated to world-best practice and limited to only 20 members world-wide.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of The University of Queensland is to achieve national and international recognition for excellence in all aspects of its teaching, research and scholarship and to make a leading contribution to the intellectual, cultural, economic and social life of the State of Queensland and the Australian nation.

## OUR AIMS AND COMMITMENTS

We strive to satisfy students, graduates, partner organisations, public bodies and the general community. We are committed to excellence and constantly aim to:

- ▶ enhance all outcomes;
- ▶ exploit the new technologies; and
- ▶ develop world-class infrastructures in teaching, research, management and support services.

## OUR OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Our immediate critical operational priorities, backed by a Strategic Initiatives Fund, are to:

- ▶ increase international and postgraduate student numbers;
- ▶ attract more students from other universities to our honours and postgraduate programs;
- ▶ improve research productivity;
- ▶ achieve leadership in technology transfer;
- ▶ increase mutually beneficial partnerships with outside organisations;
- ▶ increase revenue from non-government sources;
- ▶ improve information technology infrastructure;
- ▶ improve management practices and systems; and
- ▶ enhance the physical environments of our campuses.