

Annual Report 2003



Mission

To be the major catalyst for the academic, cultural and economic advancement of the region through the pursuit of international standards in teaching and research, and by being responsive to students, staff, community and the environment.

Key Facts 2003

Campus:	Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast
Commenced operation:	1996
Received full university status:	1998
Faculties:	Arts and Social Sciences Business Science
Degree programs:	Undergraduate: 31 Postgraduate: 24 External: 11
Courses offered in 2003:	261
Student enrolments:	Undergraduate: 3011 Postgraduate: 354 Non-award: 191 Total students: 3556
International students:	307
International student sources:	28 countries
English Language Centre students:	1353
English Language Centre student sources:	25 countries
Student demographics:	Male: 43% Female: 57% Low socio-economic status: 43% First in family to attend university: 34% Average age: 26 Mature aged‡ student population: 62%
Teaching and research staff* (excluding casuals):	96
Teaching and research staff* (excluding casuals) with PhDs or research Masters degrees:	85
All staff* (excluding casuals):	289
Alumni:	1858 graduates

Key facts correct as at December, 2003.

‡ Mature aged is identified as 21 years and over

* Full-time equivalent

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COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Annual Report is to provide a comprehensive record of the University of the Sunshine Coast's performance and achievements against the University's Strategic Plan for the year ended 31 December 2003.

The report is also designed to increase awareness of the University's activities, present the University's financial statements, and meet the University's reporting requirements to the State Minister for Education.

Potential readers of the Annual Report include the government, business and education sectors, media, potential benefactors, the University community, international visitors and members of the general community.

Copies of the Annual Report 2003 are available from Media and Marketing, University of the Sunshine Coast, by calling +61 7 07 5459 4558. An electronic version of the report is available from the University's website: www.usc.edu.au

To the Hon Anna Bligh, MP Minister for Education

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 46J (1) of the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1997, I have the honour to present to you, on behalf of the Council of University of the Sunshine Coast, the Annual Report for the University for the year ended 31 December, 2003.

Ian Kennedy, AO
Chancellor