1. **NO FEE INCREASE IN 2005/2006 FOR UOW PROGRAMS**

The University of Wollongong will be holding tuition fees for all international programs in 2006. UOW is also one of only a few universities where the tuition fee is fixed for the entire duration of the program, NOT indexed annually. This means that all international students will continue to have the opportunity to study at one of Australia's leading universities.

2. **UOW OUTPERFORMS IN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY RANKING**

A report in the Sydney Morning Herald (20/07/2005), "Ranking and Clustering Australian University Research Performance, 1998-2002" has found that UOW is producing research rivaling the nation's elite institutions.

A new formula for ranking Australia’s 37 publicly funded universities found that once the size of the university and its academic staff were taken into account, UOW held its own among the elite, research-focused universities. This places the University of Wollongong among 15 Universities in the study’s top category for research performance.

3. **NEW WUC WEBSITE GOES LIVE**

The new WUC website has been launched and is now live. View at [www.wuc.edu.au](http://www.wuc.edu.au).

Features of the new site include more information and interactive tools for prospective students such as course length selectors and an English language tuition calculator.

Updated course dates for WUC courses can be found at: [http://www.wuc.edu.au/MyOptions/DatesAndFees-Int.shtm](http://www.wuc.edu.au/MyOptions/DatesAndFees-Int.shtm).

There are also designated pages for each campus in the WUC network with specific campus information, and also dedicated pages for Study tours and IELTS testing and preparation.
4. WUC WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

Ms Natalie Conyer, joins the Wollongong University College as WUC Director and commenced work with us last week. Natalie has an extensive background in education, with her past two employers being Insearch (UTS), and NSW Department of Education and Training. Natalie will be based predominately at the WUC Sydney campus for the first few months and then based at WUC Head Office here in Wollongong. Please join with me in making her feel welcome.

5. PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD FOR ECOE PROCESSING

The University has experienced a number of problems with the payment of tuition fees, which has caused a delay in the issue of Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) letters to students and their representatives. The following outlines the University’s preferred method of payment for tuition fees:

1. Where possible all payments should be made by bank cheque or credit card payment as outlined in the student’s letter of offer.

2. Telegraphic Transfers cannot be accepted if the student is currently onshore. Students currently in Australia (onshore) are to submit payments by bank cheque or credit card. Note that if the student is in Sydney, these cheques may be presented to the Sydney Business School, who in turn will contact the relevant admissions officer at UniAdvice to arrange for the CoE to be issued as quickly as possible.

   Note: Telegraphic Transfers (TT) should only be used in exceptional circumstances by students who urgently need the CoE and are offshore at the time of submitting payment. Please note that it can take up to 5 working days for a TT to clear and this can cause delays in the processing of the CoE for the student.

6. ELECTRONIC OFFER LETTERS - FEEDBACK

UniAdvice has recently introduced a system whereby we can now email letters of offer to UOW representatives and their students. It is hoped that this will enable a faster response to your student applications. We would welcome your feedback on how you feel this process might be improved. Feedback can be sent to Susan Monnier at smonnier@uow.edu.au

From the UniAdvice team at the University of Wollongong I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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