1. **AUSTRALIA’S NUMBER ONE TEACHING UNIVERSITY**

*We’re pleased to tell you that UOW’s status as one of Australia’s leading teaching and research institutions has been confirmed by two separate national rankings released this month:*

1. UOW has been named **the number one university in Australia for teaching performance** by the Australian Government’s Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

   The story was reported in ‘The Australian’ newspaper of 12 August. While it appeared under the title “Shock Teacher Ranking for Unis”, the ranking is confirmation of UOW’s longstanding excellence in teaching.

   The DEST ranking is based on criteria including the percentage of graduates in full-time employment; pass rates; the percentage of graduates going on to further full-time study; and student feedback on teaching standards and overall student satisfaction.

   A scanned copy of the article and the ranking of institutions are attached.

2. For a second successive year, UOW has scored **five-star ratings in six key categories** in the independent Good Universities Guide, the nation’s authoritative guide to choice of university. Five-star ratings were awarded for Research Intensity; Graduate Rating; Getting a Job; Positive Graduate Outcomes; Graduate Starting Salary; and Staff Qualifications.

   UOW is among **a group of only seven elite Australian institutions to achieve an overall score of more than 40 stars out of a possible 55** in the independent 2006 Guide.

Kind regards,

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