A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (EDUCATION)

Welcome to the inaugural UOW Higher Education Forum 2013; an annual event which will provide a platform to foster innovation and showcase achievements in the teaching and learning space and to engage in discussion and debate about the many facets of higher education.

The University of Wollongong is a leading Australian university with a history of outstanding achievement in learning and teaching and we are committed to applying contemporary, evidence driven approaches in our field.

It is my desire to foster an engaging environment where people have meaningful opportunities to contribute, grow and develop. This Forum is an outstanding opportunity to showcase how we’re achieving that outcome.

In 2013, The Forum showcases the outcomes from recent research conducted by UOW academics into advancing learning and teaching. The research projects you will hear about are funded through an array of internal and external grant programs. Funding directly benefits staff and students by allowing them to investigate, develop and implement the latest innovations and education methods. I’d like to personally congratulate our UOW recipients for their achievements, commitment and foresight.

On Day Two we’ll hear from Suzi Hewlett, General Manager at the Office for Learning and Teaching which will include some tips on applying for future grants.

I’m looking forward to this Forum becoming an annual event on the teaching calendar and I’m excited about the potential we have to be leading the way through innovation and impact. Learning and teaching excites us. We’re passionate about it. That’s why we have chosen to spend our professional lives in higher education. I hope over these two days you get a taste of the impressive work we’re undertaking and I hope this will be a springboard to help us continue to think creatively of what it is to be an educator and a learner not only today but in years to come.

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