

1.1 Charter

After commencing operation first as the Lismore Teacher's College, then as the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education, Southern Cross University operated as a campus of the University of New England between July 1989 and December 1993.

Today, Southern Cross University is constituted under the *Southern Cross University Act 1993* and operates under the legislature of New South Wales.

The main functions of the University as set out in the Act are:

- The provision of educational facilities of university standard, having particular regard to the needs of the north coast region of the State
- The preservation, extension and dissemination of knowledge through scholarship, research, creative works, consultancy and internal and external teaching, and
- The conferring of the degrees of Bachelor, Master, and Doctor, and the awarding of diplomas, certificates and other awards.

1.2 Aims

Vision

Southern Cross University, through excellence in scholarship and research, commits itself to partnership, regionalism, globalism, cultural diversity, and a learning society.

Commitments to the Future

The University aims to enhance further its role as a leading regional university in a global setting, aspiring to enrol more than 10,000 on-campus students throughout the NSW North Coast region and a further 10,000 national and international distance education students.

Southern Cross University is committed to:

- Excellence in scholarship, teaching and research
- The natural and sustainable qualities of our region
- Equity and cultural diversity, with a particular focus on Australian Indigenous Peoples
- National and international partnerships
- Ethics and values in an innovative and learning society.

