

Biography for O'CONNOR, Professor Ian

Vice Chancellor & President

Griffith University

Professor Ian O'Connor was appointed Vice Chancellor and President of Griffith University in January 2005, taking the helm of one of Australia's largest and most innovative tertiary institutions. Now home to more than 43,000 students from more than 131 countries, the University under his leadership has become one of the Asia-Pacific region's most influential universities with research strengths in areas that address the key issues of our time.

Prior to his appointment as Vice Chancellor, Professor O'Connor joined Griffith University as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) in 2002.

Following completion of degrees of Bachelor of Social Work and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Queensland, he held various academic appointments there including President of the Academic Board before moving to Griffith.

Professor O'Connor is widely published in the field of juvenile justice, child welfare and the future directions of social work and the human services.

Professor O'Connor has served as a consultant to, or as a member of, various Government and non-Government bodies. He is Chair of the Advancing Quality in Higher Education Reference Group and the Queensland Minister for Education's taskforce on bullying and violence in schools, the Queensland Schools Alliance Against Violence. Professor O'Connor is a board member of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government. He is currently convenor of the Innovative Research Universities group.

