



Professor John O'Gorman

John O'Gorman was appointed Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences in 1990. In this position he was responsible for the development and growth of one of the largest Faculties in the University comprising over 3000 students and five schools ranging in disciplines as diverse as psychology, the biomolecular sciences, anatomy, physiotherapy, exercise science, and genetics.

Under Professor O'Gorman's skilful leadership, the new Faculty quickly established a national and international reputation for innovation in teaching and research. In addition to fostering areas of research excellence in molecular genetics, cardiovascular physiology, clinical psychology and molecular microbiology, Professor O'Gorman had the vision to strengthen research in emerging areas such as public health and strategic health services.

In the teaching domain, he was a strong supporter of continuous improvement in teaching practice, as well as recognising

the importance of student feedback and the potential of technology for enhancing the learning process. He oversaw the introduction of new academic programs across a wide range of disciplines and encouraged best practice with respect to web-based delivery of programs, student mentoring and curriculum design. During his time as Head - School of Applied Psychology, he developed an innovative psychology program that had an outstanding reputation for the excellence of its teaching, and its distinctive applied focus. The program was consistently ranked as one of the best two or three psychology programs in Australia on the basis of Course Experience surveys.

As Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences (1990-1996), Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences (1997-2000) and Head of the School of Applied Psychology (2001-2003), Professor O'Gorman played a significant role in the development of health sciences at Griffith.