



## Professor Glyn Davis AC DUniv Griffith's Third Vice Chancellor

Glyn Davis joined Griffith University as a lecturer in politics and public policy in 1985 and was subsequently promoted to Professor. During the 1990s he spent almost half of the decade on secondment to the Queensland Public Service rising to Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. He took up office as the University's third Vice Chancellor in January 2002.

Professor Davis played a crucial role in furthering the reputation of Griffith as one of the most creative and innovative tertiary institutions in Australia. He articulated a clear strategic direction for the University and reaffirmed the Griffith commitment to innovation, multidisciplinary, internationalisation, equity and social justice, and student-centred learning. A key component of the strategy was the

largest capital program ever undertaken by the University. Professor Davis recognised the need for the University to expand its professional offerings with an emphasis on the health area. Under his leadership, Griffith became the first University in Australia since 1946 to introduce a comprehensive suite of oral health programs including dentistry, dental prosthetics, dental technology, and dental and oral therapy. The establishment of the School of Medicine was another major milestone in the recognition of Griffith as one of Australia's top universities. Professor Davis also played a key role in acquiring the former South Brisbane Library as the home of the Griffith Film School.

As Vice Chancellor from 2002-2004, Professor Davis placed Griffith in a strong position to face the new millennium.