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ATN UNIVERSITIES RANK AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST

ATN universities have made a solid showing in the Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings, released on Monday 31st October.

All ATN universities placed in the 'top 200' listing, with RMIT University and UTS placing in the top 100. Likewise, all ATN institutions placed in the 'top 50 institutions in the rest of the world' tables, covering everywhere that is not North America or Europe.

Australia overall demonstrated a strong performance, with 17 of our 39 eligible universities warranting a place in the top 200.

Ms Vicki Thomson, Director ATN, said that she was extremely pleased to see the recognition that ATN universities, and indeed Australian universities in general, had garnered in the rankings.

"Of course, any ranking system must be viewed with some caution, and this one is no exception." Ms Thomson said, "I'm sure that there will be many opinions voiced about the methodology used for these rankings, and there is no such thing as a perfect system."

"Having said that, the fact that all ATN universities placed in the top 200 is a testament to the commitment that we have towards building truly world-class institutions. Particularly since it is comparatively recently that we have been operating as 'universities' at all, our institute of technology days not yet a distant memory, the acknowledgment that ATN institutions are among the world's best illustrates the strides forward that we have made in a short period of time.

"The rankings also illustrate the strong international focus of the ATN. The quantification of universities' international orientation, both in terms of staff and students, clearly illustrate that. With an average 'International faculty' score of 53, and an average 'International students' score of 46, we are well above the curve, with the overall averages for the top 200 being 28 and 21 respectively.

"With almost half of Australian universities appearing in the top 200, Australia is placing itself on the world stage as a serious competitor when it comes to delivering high quality education.

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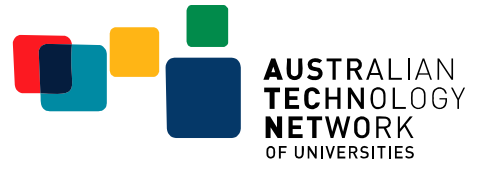
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