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# **Operational Priorities Plan 1999-2000**

**Achieving International Excellence**

**A Progress Report**



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This report presents details of the progress to date towards the priority objectives and targets established by the OPP 1999-2000 'Achieving International Excellence'. For ease of cross-reference, the report is presented in a similar format to the OPP, with an additional column added detailing progress to date and indicators of success.

It is presented as a progress report because it is too early to evaluate and document 'outcomes' for many of the strategies that have been put in place; however, in some areas, where more quantitative targets were set, the report provides outcome and performance data. The progress report complements the Vice-Chancellor's 'State of the University' Report to Senate for the year ended 2000, and the University's Annual Report to the State Parliament for 2000 which will be published early in the new year.

Overall, the most notable features of the Report are:

- That implementation of the OPP has been executed comprehensively across all four thematic areas of priority - internationalisation, research, teaching and learning, and resourcing and management.
- That across all areas of activity, objectives and targets are being met and in many cases exceeded.

The success of the OPP is a reflection of the following key features of the UWA planning process<sup>1</sup>:

- The planning process is anchored by a strong sense of vision, mission and values, widely shared within the institution.
- The planning process is tightly integrated and linked to the University Budget.
- Planning targets are carefully and selectively established as 'ambitious and achievable' within the plan's timeframe.
- The responsibility and accountability for implementation is clearly assigned.
- All activity directed to achieving our objectives is subject to review and evaluation.

This Progress Report is therefore both an integral part of the University's internal performance review process, and a necessary step in the preparation of the next iteration of the OPP, for 2001-2002.

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<sup>1</sup> See Attachment 1

