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University of Tasmania climbs more rankings

The University of Tasmania has climbed all three of the highest profile international rankings systems this year, confirming its place amongst the best universities in the world.

The last of these rankings, the Times Higher Education (THE) world university rankings, was released today, and saw the University of Tasmania ranked amongst the top 300 universities in the world, climbing well over 100 positions.

Last year, the University was ranked 408 but has now placed in the 251-300 band. THE also named the University of Tasmania joint tenth among Australian universities.

University Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Mike Calford said it was gratifying to see the institution's commitment to excellence in teaching and research reflected in influential rankings.

"Rankings are important because they have a significant impact on our reputation as an institution," Professor Calford said.

"By strengthening our reputation, we are strengthening both the employment prospects of our graduates and our ability to attract international students and world class academics."

Professor Calford said differing methodologies produced a range of results in the various rankings systems, a situation that often resulted in institutions moving up and down from year to year or from system to system.

"While imperfect, universities recognise the role rankings play in the modern, highly competitive tertiary education sector," he said.

"Our clear commitment at the University of Tasmania is to be the home of world-class teaching and globally impactful research and the across-the-board increases in our rankings this year speaks to our success in striving to meet that commitment."

The THE rankings followed the release earlier this month of the QS World University Rankings and the August release of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU).

In the QS rankings, the University of Tasmania climbed from 403 to 379 and also improved its standing in the three subject areas for which it qualifies for inclusion. The University also continued its sustained climb up the ARWU list, coming in at number 305 this year.

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