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Vice Chancellor details 2009 HECS fees

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Tasmania, Professor Daryl Le Grew, today detailed 2009 fees rates for seven discipline clusters following the University's decision to raise HECS fees by 25 per cent (table attached).

He noted that for commencing students in Natural and Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics clusters there is an actual reduction in HECS for 2009 as a result of Commonwealth Government budget decisions.

“Also, Nursing and Education are two national priority areas so there will only be a cost of living (CPI) increase in HECS for 2009,” Professor Le Grew said.

“All other HECS funding clusters will increase by 25 per cent.”

Further information on fees will be available on the UTAS website and the University will be informing all current students of the impact of these changes within the next few days.

Professor Le Grew emphasised that having held down HECS fees for the past three years, UTAS is now the last university to increase fees. Students at UTAS will pay the same HECS fees as students in other Australian universities from 1 January 2009.

“UTAS students have had the advantage of up to three years of lower HECS fees, a considerable saving,” he said.

“It is only with regret in circumstances beyond the University's control that we will be increasing HECS fees from 1 January 2009.”

UTAS HECS fees 2008 and 2009

Cluster	Funding Cluster/part funding cluster	2008	2009
1	(a) Law	\$6,798	\$8,677
	(b) Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	\$6,798	\$8,677
2	Humanities	\$4,077	\$5,201
3	(a) Computing, Built Environment, Other Health	\$5,807	\$7,412
	Maths, Statistics	\$5,807	\$4,162
	(b) Behavioural Science, Social Studies	\$4,077	\$5,201
	(c) Education	\$4,077	\$4,162
4	(a) Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	\$4,077	\$5,201
	(b) Allied Health	\$5,807	\$7,412
5	Nursing	\$4,077	\$4,162
6	(a) Engineering, Surveying	\$5,807	\$7,412
	Natural and Physical Sciences	\$5,807	\$4,162
7	(a) Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science	\$6,798	\$8,677
	(b) Agriculture	\$5,807	\$7,412

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