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\$3 million Pharmacy building offers world-class facilities to students

Today's official opening of the new \$3 million School of Pharmacy building at the University of Tasmania will offer students access to state-of-the-art facilities and consolidate the University's reputation as a national leader in the field of pharmacy teaching.

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Daryl Le Grew said the School of Pharmacy was renowned for the quality of its program and graduates and had experienced strong growth in applications from students locally, nationally and internationally.

"We are committed to providing the best learning experience and environment for our students and this exciting new facility is testament to that commitment," Prof Le Grew said.

"Students will have access to world-class facilities in order to develop their professional practice skills, ensuring our graduates remain at the cutting edge of their profession.

"The School already enjoys strong links with the profession locally and nationally and our graduates make a major contribution to ensuring the future workforce requirements in pharmacy are met both in Tasmania and beyond," he said.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Human Services Lara Giddings performed the official opening in front of more than 100 guests representing a cross-section of the pharmacy profession.

Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom, from the University of South Australia, also addressed the gathering on the future of pharmacy education and the profession nationally.

The striking three-storey building includes a \$75,000 fit-out of computers funded by Pharmaceutical Defence Ltd, research staff and post-graduate offices, and academic offices on the top level.

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