

**Department of Computer Science
Operational Plan 2008**

This annual operational plan has been developed in consultation with departmental staff. It supports the CECS Strategic Plan 2006-2010

The Department of Computer Science offers undergraduate teaching, as well as innovative research and graduate education in computer science, software engineering and information technology

Head of Department: Dr Henry Gardner
Academic & Adjunct Staff: 19
General Staff: 6

This annual operational plan has been developed in consultation with departmental staff. It supports the CECS Strategic Plan 2006-2010

Research Groups

- Academic staff to be grouped into thematic research areas with an identified group leader.
- Physically locate academics to be close to others in their groups where possible.
- Construct a snapshot of the research currently being carried out in the groups.
- Formulate strategic plans for research by the groups covering the period until 2012.
- Define areas of the teaching curriculum to be supported by groups.
- Define outreach activities to be supported by groups.
- Develop metrics for the assessment of the success and impact of research of the groups.
- Develop mechanisms for mentoring staff within groups.

Staffing

- Subject to budgetary constraints, advertise a new continuing academic teaching/research position in software engineering.

Education

- Rationalise the Masters of Software Engineering program.
- Review the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours) program.
- Review workloads commitments across all teaching programs.

Governance

- Set up a students' representative committee.
- Set up a reconstituted Departmental Committee.
- Review the activities and constitution of the Technical Services Group.
- Review the administrative support within the Department.