

## Biography: Professor Glyn Davis



Professor Glyn Davis became Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Melbourne on 10 January 2005.

As Vice-Chancellor Professor Davis is Chief Executive Officer of the University exercising general superintendence over the educational and administrative affairs of the University.

Professor Davis was previously Vice-Chancellor of Griffith University in Queensland and has served as the most senior Queensland public servant.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with first-class honours in political science from the University of New South Wales and was awarded his Doctorate of Philosophy from the Australian National University for a thesis entitled 'The Political Independence of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation'.

His academic association with Griffith University began in 1985 as a lecturer in politics and public policy. The award of a prestigious Harkness Fellowship provided an opportunity to work at the University of California, Berkeley, the Brookings Institution in Washington and the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, during 1987 and 1988.

Subsequently, as an Australian Research Council QE II Research Fellow at Griffith, Professor Davis published a series of articles and books on policy coordination and public sector change. He was appointed a Professor in 1998.

Secondments to the Queensland Government have included appointments as Commissioner for Public Sector Equity in the Queensland Public Sector Management Commission (1990-1993), as Director General of the Office of the Cabinet (1995-1996), and Director General of the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet (1998-2002).

Professor Davis has written widely on policy and governance. His most recent publications are a third edition of *The Australian Policy Handbook* (with Peter Bridgman, 2004), *The Future of Australian Governance: Policy Choices* (coedited with Michael Keating, 2000) and *Are You Being Served? State, Citizens and Governance* (coedited with Patrick Weller, 2001).

Professor Davis was Foundation Chair of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) which is headquartered at the University of Melbourne.

He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Companion in the Order of Australia