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## Open2Study welcomes first international partner

Australia's first free online education platform, Open2Study, today welcomes New Zealand's Massey University as its first international partner.

Open2Study already has a dozen established relationships with Australian institutions and universities such as Griffith, Macquarie and RMIT. This recent move is part of Open2Study's strategy to provide its global student body with access to international educators.

"It makes perfect sense for Open2Study to partner with Massey University and other international educators that share our commitment to provide a world-class online education experience for as many people as possible," says Mr Paul Wappett, Open Universities Australia CEO.

"Open2Study is likely to be an attractive option for universities and institutions worldwide that are interested in achieving real results for prospective students. Our completion rate has increased to above 26 per cent while the industry currently reports average completion rates of seven percent or below," says Mr Wappett.

With over 50 years in the industry, Massey University is New Zealand's largest university provider of distance and online learning, with about half its 34,000 students studying by distance.

Massey Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey says, "This is an exciting development in what is fast becoming an international revolution in tertiary studies."

Open2Study currently offers over 20 free tertiary and professional level subjects online and expects to make several Massey subjects available by the end of 2013.

Accessible to anyone worldwide with an internet connection, Open2Study has had almost 40,000 enrolments to date.

### Ends

#### **About Open2Study – Never stop learning**

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