

## Citation for Professor Alan Duncan Reid

Graduation: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, 10:30am



**Officiator:** Alice McCleary

**Award recipient :** Professor Alan Duncan Reid  
BA, DipEd, MA (Ed), PhD, FACE

**Award being conferred:** Emeritus Professor Award

**Citation delivered by:** Professor Pal Ahluwalia  
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**Deputy Chancellor, the University of South Australia confers the honorary title of ‘Emeritus Professor’ upon retired academic staff holding the title of Professor who have given distinguished service to this institution. It is my pleasure to present to you Professor Alan Duncan Reid for the title of ‘Professor Emeritus’ in recognition of such service.**

Professor Alan Reid has worked at the University of South Australia since 1987, when he was recruited from the South Australian public education system where he had been a teacher, coordinator and deputy principal, to a position as a Lecturer in Curriculum Studies at the University’s former Underdale campus.

During his long career, Professor Reid has become one of the most influential educators in this country. He has established a national and international reputation as a scholar, teacher and educational policy maker, and made an important contribution to the University of South Australia.

Professor Reid is an inspiring teacher at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and a highly regarded and productive researcher. His teaching and research has been based on a deep interest in and commitment to public education and social justice, and include the broad themes of education policy, curriculum, the history and politics of public education, teachers’ work, and citizenship education.

He has received several ARC research grants, been on the Editorial Boards of four international journals, and authored, co-authored or edited 15 books and monographs as well as over 100 journal articles.

Professor Reid has also held a number of significant management positions at the University, including Dean of Education, Director of the Centre for University Teaching and Learning, and Director of the Centre for Research in Education, Equity and Work in the Hawke Research Institute.

A hallmark of his career has been his major influence on education policy development at the national and state levels.

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For example, he was the first South Australian to be awarded a National Research Fellowship by the Department of Education, Science and Training. This Fellowship involved providing policy advice to senior officials in Canberra and engaging in a major research project on the national curriculum. This influential research has informed Commonwealth education policy and the debates around the national curriculum ever since.

Over the past decade, Professor Reid has co-directed the writing of South Australia's compulsory curriculum and been appointed to lead a major organisational change initiative across the public education system.

In 2004, he was invited by the South Australian Minister of Education to be a member of a three-person Panel to review the South Australian Certificate of Education. This was the first major review of senior secondary education in South Australia for nearly 20 years, and it resulted in a report that will shape senior secondary education in South Australia for at least the next decade.

He has also been a major contributor to professional and public education debate in Australia through dozens of invited keynote addresses and national forums, contributions to professional journals and the popular press, and appearances before parliamentary committees and enquiries.

In addition, Professor Reid has led or been a central figure in many key professional agencies and associations. These include being a member of the national executive of the Australian Curriculum Studies Association for fourteen years; a Board member of SSABSA; Chair of the Northern Area State Secondary Schools Alliance (NASSSA); and Board member of the Australian Council of Deans of Education.

Professor Reid retired as Professor of Education in the Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences in August 2008. However his contributions to education continue, as does the recognition of these contributions.

For example, he has just been awarded the 2009 Alby Jones Medal by the Australian Council of Educational Leaders for excellence in educational leadership.

In 2004 he was awarded the inaugural MacKillop Medal by the Australian College of Educators for distinguished services to education, and was named by The Bulletin as one of Australia's 10 smartest thinkers in education.

In 2002, he was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators.

**Deputy Chancellor, on behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Professor Alan Reid to you for the honorary title of 'Emeritus Professor', in recognition of his significant contribution to educational policy and curriculum change at state and national levels.**