

## **Why are we called UCOL?**

Our research shows that the acronym is popular with our students and community partners. It also fits our mission and values:

### **Universal**

At all three of its campuses, UCOL works to extend community participation in tertiary education, offering opportunities to as many learners as possible. This 'universal' approach minimises entry barriers for students.

UCOL also offers a complete, holistic educational experience, in which lifestyle factors are important, alongside the development of study and work skills and new knowledge.

The internationalisation of our curriculum and graduates is also captured by the term 'universal'.

### **College**

The term 'college' is associated with professionalism, collegiality and community. These are all an important part of UCOL's history, heritage and approach to teaching and learning.

### **Learning**

The term 'learning' places an emphasis on the student as a learner. UCOL regards the success of students as fundamental: Staff do not teach, rather they promote learning in order to address the unique needs of individual students.