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Letter of Referral

James Cook University

One of the world's leading institutions focusing on the tropics, is ranked in the top five percent of the world's tertiary institutions.

A comprehensive university

Since our establishment in 1970, we have expanded into a multi-campus institution with our largest campuses in Townsville and Cairns, smaller study centres in Mount Isa, Thursday Island, Mackay, Brisbane and a campus in Singapore.

JCU Townsville

There are approximately 3,419 staff employed and around 11,500 students studying at JCU Townsville, including over 1,500 international students. The campus is located in the suburb of Douglas, in a 386-hectare natural bush and parkland setting, 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the central business district.

JCU Cairns

There are approximately 895 staff employed and 4,000 students studying at JCU Cairns, including about 380 international students. The campus location is spectacular – surrounded on three sides by rainforest-covered mountains. Located near the northern beaches in the suburb of Smithfield, the campus is 15 kilometres (9 miles) north of the city centre.

James Cook University is reviewing its Workplace Health and Safety management procedures with a view of becoming a sector leader in establishing good WH&S practices. Paul Camilleri from Australian Risk Services has been engaged on a number of occasions in the last two years to conduct Safety Compliance Audits using the SafetyMap audit tool which is in line with AS 4801 requirements and self insurance requirements should the University decide to go down this path. James Cook University decided to engage Australian Risk Services due to their extensive project management experience in numerous industries and there in depth knowledge of safety standards and legislation.

The audits included both Townsville and Cairns campuses which have over 400 hundred buildings between them. Paul Camilleri carried out a three day desk top audit and verification onsite walk through in the remaining two days. Paul interviewed a large cross section of department personal when verifying his findings and verified said controls for plant and equipment, hazardous substances and dangerous goods, confined space and manual handling.

Paul presented his findings to the board of the University and provided the board with recommendations and implementation corrective action plans.

The University has found Paul to be very professional in his auditing approach in dealing with a wide cross section of senior and junior staff.

I have no hesitation in recommending Australian Risk Services as a professional safety firm and should you require further information please do hesitate to contact me on 0419 726 863.

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