An interview with Tilde Toft and Tenna Kristensen
...on International Exchange from Denmark

What university are you from?
UCC – University College Copenhagen N.Zahles Seminarium in Denmark

Why did you decide to come to UTAS?
Because of the Princess Mary connection with Tasmania, it is an English speaking country and we are English teachers. Also the opportunity to travel to the other side of the world! It was also advertised as a “new” exchange opportunity to come to Australia which excited us!

What kind of teacher are you studying to become?
Tilde - English and Danish, Biology and Arts, Years 1 - 10
Tenna - English, Danish, Physical Education and Home Economics, Years 1 – 10

What are your first impressions of Tasmania?
People are helpful, happy, and it is so beautiful. In general people are so nice.

What have you seen as the advantages of doing the exchange?
World experience good for the CV, and we get the opportunity to look at teaching differently, from a different perspective.

Why should Australian students go to Denmark on exchange?
We think they would find our college interesting, to see a college purely with a teaching focus. They will also have the opportunity to see Europe while they are there as everything is so close.

Denmark also has great partying and very different sports to Australia. We also have some really good food, especially traditional foods for Christmas and birthdays.

What are the differences you see between the two countries?
People in Tasmania are more open; in Denmark you would not just start talking to someone in the street.

What units are you studying at UTAS?
Tilde – Ceramics, Introduction to Drawing, Intro to Human Biology, and Outdoor Education
Tenna – Health & Physical Activity, Physical Laboratory, Food Studies and Outdoor Education

How did you find the planning and preparation process of becoming an exchange student?
We would have liked to have come last semester but at that stage it was too complicated. We are the first students to come to Tasmania, so it should now be simple for the next
students who want to come. But, once we arrived it was simple, everyone was helpful, enrolling in units was easy, and easy to change if needed.