

Friday, 18 February 2022

Tasmanian enrolments high as students return for Orientation and Welcome Week

With orientation activities in full swing and week one just days away, the University of Tasmania is welcoming one of the largest intakes of Tasmanian students ever.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Rob Wilson, said the University was focused on providing access and amazing opportunities for Tasmanians.

“Long before COVID, we’ve been working to increase access to higher education for Tasmanians and it is fantastic to see more and more local students grabbing the opportunities the University can offer,” Mr Wilson said.

“The number of Tasmanians enrolled this year – more than 3500 – is 20 percent higher than five years ago.

“This year, we have seen the first ever applications from Campbell Town High School, following first-ever applications from Mountain Heights, New Norfolk, and Jordan River Learning Federation last year.”

Mr Wilson said the long-term trend is that more Tasmanians are looking for opportunities at home. “We want to support that which is why we are working so hard to make sure we are as accessible as possible.

“This is one of the major drivers behind investing in new facilities on the North-West, in Launceston and in Hobart, and creating simple, supportive pathways into University study like the Schools Recommendation Program.

“The fact that students are voting with their feet shows that we are on the right track.

“We are also becoming a popular destination of choice with a growing number of interstate students. Mainland enrolments have almost doubled in recent years, and we will continue to see strong demand as we invest in new facilities around the State.”

Media contact: Ben Wild – 0438 510 616

Information released by:

Communications Office

University of Tasmania

+61 3 6226 2124

Communications.Office@utas.edu.au

[Twitter.com/utas_](https://twitter.com/utas_)