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The science of gardening unearthed in online unit

The Science of Gardening is back.

Following the success of the unit’s launch earlier this year, the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology is again offering the Science of Gardening unit within the Diploma of General Studies.

The unit helps avid green thumbs, or would-be gardeners, build on their knowledge of gardening and plants through science.

The first course drew participants from across Tasmania and interstate, prompting the faculty to offer the unit again.

“There was an incredible amount of interest the first time we held the unit earlier this year,” Professor Mark Hunt from the School of Biological Sciences said.

“People found the unit to be extremely helpful and practical in understanding how plants grow and what makes a garden really successful.”

The unit provides helpful insights into plant life, including:

- A better understanding of the relationship between a plant’s internal structure and its use of water and light to grow;
- Greater knowledge of soil properties and chemistry which contribute to healthy plants;
- Identifying the crucial factors that determine when plants flower and set seed;
- Being able to manipulate plant growth to produce more flowers and fruit;
- Understanding how vegetative propagation is possible and desirable in many garden plants.

Enrolments are now open for the next offering, which begins on June 26. HECs scholarships may be available for domestic students.
It is self-paced with flexible teaching and learning approaches.

For more information on the course visit www.utas.edu.au/set/science-of-gardening

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