Students create future careers on campus

More than 1,300 high school students from greater Hobart will visit the University of Tasmania’s Sandy Bay campus **TOMORROW (Thursday, 3 August)** for a unique expo helping them kick-start their journey towards a future career.

The Creating my Career event is a joint initiative presented by the institution’s Schools Engagement team, the Department of Education and TasTAFE, with the support of Rotary.

Throughout the day, year 8 and 9 students will experience hands-on activities across 20 ‘career clusters’ that showcase industries, workplaces and future study options in areas such as aquaculture, arts and design, ICT and engineering, sport and fitness, hospitality, automotive and health services.

Brett Williams, from the University’s Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Schools Engagement), said the event aimed to inspire students to start considering how far tertiary education could take them in pursuit of their dream careers.

“Creating my Career provides students with real-world insight and equips them with skills and information that will guide them through university study or vocational education and training as they progress towards their chosen occupation,” Mr Williams said.

The Southern showcase is the final component of the 2017 leg of the initiative, following events in Burnie and Launceston, collectively engaging more than 3,000 students State-wide.

University staff and students will invite participants to explore emerging technologies, create plaster casts, negotiate mock bills, learn the art of science and maths through origami, and navigate into Sydney Harbour on board a sailing simulator.

TasTAFE will present activities led by industry-trained teachers, which include basic hand-tool use and power drill exercises, plasterboard installation, bricklaying, electrical wiring, automotive repair, infection control and manual handling in health professions, while also revealing what working as a tour guide is really like.
MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

What: Creating My Career professional skills expo;

When: TOMORROW, Thursday, 3 August, 11am;

Where: TUU Activities Centre, 1st Floor, TUU Building, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay.

*The most visual photo/filming opportunity for media is 11am - however an alternative time can be arranged between 10am – 2pm by contacting Brett Williams, 0417 990 637

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