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Summer College to inspire young minds

Year 12 students from around the State will converge on the University of Tasmania's Sandy Bay campus on Wednesday, 30 January, as part of the pilot University Summer College program.

Students will have the opportunity to develop study skills, explore new subjects, take part in mini-lectures, hands-on practical activities, excursions, tutorial sessions and online learning.

The University Summer College is a four-day residential program designed to provide an immersive experience of university study and life on campus. It is aimed at students from colleges and extension high schools who are considering university study but who may be first in the family to attend university. Around 20 students will be participating.

Taking place immediately before the start of the 2019 academic year, the Summer College will provide skills to help with Year 12 study. Students will be supported throughout the program by University student mentors.

Program Coordinator Dr Jo Ingram said the University Summer College presented an educational opportunity for students to undertake an authentic study experience.

"It's a unique opportunity for students to engage with like-minded peers in real-life university learning environments, and to be guided by the University's inspiring researchers."

University Summer College 2019 is part-funded by the Department of Education and is run by the University of Tasmania Schools Engagement Team and specialist staff in the University's five colleges.

Professor Natalie Brown, Director of the Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment, hoped the program encouraged participants to expand their educational aspirations and build their confidence.

“The University Summer College allows young people to discover more about future study options and shows them that university can be an achievable step in their educational journey,” Professor Brown said.

The University Summer College will be held from Tuesday, 29 January, to Friday, 1 February, on both the University of Tasmania’s Launceston and Hobart campuses.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

11:00am – 12:30pm

Earth Sciences – Earth Science Building (Clark Rd, Sandy Bay)

Students will be using microscopes to see some fascinating Tasmanian rocks, and will be learning about earthquakes.

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Marine and Antarctic Science – Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) Building, Salamanca (Castray Esplanade, Hobart)

Students will be taken on a guided tour of IMAS facilities and study phytoplankton samples under the microscope.

Media contact: The Program Coordinator, Jo Ingram, will be accompanying students and can be contacted to arrange media opportunities: 0431 868 485.

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