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Inveresk Precinct hub of Launceston's Open Day

The Inveresk Precinct will be a vibrant hub of learning and fun for the whole community tomorrow when it plays host to the University of Tasmania's Launceston Open Day festivities.

While the majority of events will be at Inveresk, there will also be plenty of things to see and do at the Australian Maritime College at Newnham for those interested in setting a course for a career with a nautical edge.

Executive Director of Marketing Jason Purdie said open days were a showcase of the outstanding work of staff and students.

"Our open days are an opportunity for families and prospective students to get an understanding of what the University has to offer <u>in terms of</u> teaching, research and campus life," he said.

"We are excited about the future of our campus in the Inveresk and the impact it will have on the city of Launceston and the wider northern region. That is why we have centred most of our Open Day activities at Inveresk this year.

People will be on hand to talk about the new campus project and to hear from future students and the community about the ways they like to learn and the things that will draw people to the precinct.

"We'll be designing new ways of learning and interacting together as a community, such as flexible learning spaces, creating a vibrant 24/7 campus environment with easy access to the city and amazing opportunities to enhance the student experience," Mr Purdie said.

Both the University of Tasmania's Inveresk campus and the Australian Maritime College will be open from 10am until 3pm, with free shuttle buses running between the two.

On Sunday, the third of the University's 2018 open days will be held at the Cradle Coast campus in Burnie.

Each campus will host a variety of events including course and scholarship advice spaces, an alumni lounge, research trail, accommodation tours, sporting activities and demonstrations.

"Our open days are geared to have a sense of energy and fun, with lots of engaging, hands-on activities, food and live entertainment," Mr Purdie said.

"We'll have course advisers on hand to discuss study options with you and a whole range of interactive sessions to attend.

Highlights of Launceston's Open Day will include:

- Frisbee Golf Challenge (Meet at Education Hangout in the School of Creative Arts Building, Inveresk Campus – 1pm): Test your physical and communication skills as you play, learn to teach and simultaneously tour the Inveresk site from the stadium to the train sheds. Register at the Stone Building foyer for your chance to win a tournament trophy.
- Make Music Where Music Is Being Made (Meet at the Art, Music, Theatre Hangout, short walk to lecture room inside School of Creative Arts Building, Inveresk Campus – 11.30am-12pm): Interested in music composition, songwriting, performance or music technology? Join Dr Maria Grenfell, Head of the Conservatorium of Music, for an informal presentation on what it's like studying at the Conservatorium.
- AMC Ship Simulator (AMC Maritime Simulation Centre, Newnham Campus): Have you ever sailed a boat on land? See Sydney from the deck of a ship as we show you how the world's largest ships make their way through the busy traffic of Sydney Harbour, using one of our training simulators.
- Tour world-class engineering facilities (AMC Swanson Building, Newnham Campus): Check out where submarines are tested, see how we create simulated wave activity to test new vessel designs, check out our unmanned submarine (AUV) and chat with some of the world's leading maritime researchers.
- Playing with Parachutes (School of Creative Arts Building, Inveresk Campus): Find out what can you make with a parachute. Join in with Dr Jacquelene Drinkall as she guides participants through a short series of playful activities using a parachute to simultaneously produce a live video artwork. Held on the hour, every hour, for 10 minutes in the Stone Building foyer.

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