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Students can create a career at skills expo

More than 1100 students from high schools around the north of the State will gather at the University of Tasmania’s Newnham campus tomorrow (Friday, 16 June) as they learn about future career and education opportunities.

The Creating My Career program is a joint initiative of the University’s schools engagement team, the Department of Education and TasTAFE with support from Rotary Tasmania.

Brett Williams, from the University’s Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Schools Engagement), said the aim was to highlight the diverse career opportunities in Tasmania and get students thinking about what jobs of the future might look like.

Tomorrow, the Launceston showcase will present 23 ‘career cluster’ to students, allowing them to participate in practical activities across industries and workplaces, including agriculture, architecture and design, automotive, business, mining, tourism and beauty services.

“Creating my Career provides year 8 and 9 students with an in-depth look at occupations across several sectors. They will participate in two-three hands-on activities in a chosen career cluster, ideally experiencing a session with the University of Tasmania, TasTAFE and an industry partner,” Mr Williams said.

“The event will equip the students with information and practical skills to guide their decision-making about future careers, whether that be through higher education courses or vocational education and training.

University staff and students will present activities inviting participants to sail a vessel into Sydney Harbour on the AMC simulator, negotiate a mock bill for parliament, select government policies that please voters, and design and construct a scaled piece of furniture or building.

Information about the University’s diverse course offerings, including the new two-year Associate Degrees, will also be shared at the event.
TasTAFE will showcase its practical training with hands-on activities led by industry-trained teachers across a number of areas.

Students interested in the automotive area will have the opportunity to check engine oil levels, inspect a gearbox and collect vehicle identification data while those in the health and aged care cluster can practice CPR on a mannequin and use a simulated Epipen.

Students in the building trades cluster will get to use some of the tools found in the construction industry to build a small toolbox to keep.

The Creating My Career initiative follows a successful pilot program in 2016 which has expanded statewide this year. The first event was held in Burnie last month, with a further event to be held in Hobart on 3 August.

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