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“Unmissable” Metro bus service for University staff and students

Metro has introduced a new high frequency service travelling between Hobart and the University of Tasmania Sandy Bay campus for students and staff.

The new UniBus service, route 888, provides a short run time journey from the city to the University every weekday during semesters.

The University has developed two “unmissable” bright red buses featuring the UTAS lion that will operate on the route.

Metro Chief Executive Officer Tony Sim said when combined with services on routes 54 and 55, the new service would operate on average every eight minutes.

“The new UniBus service is about delivering choice for passengers wanting to travel between Hobart and the University,” he said.

“Metro is very pleased that we have been able to work with the University in this way to deliver positive public transport solutions.”

UTAS Executive Director of Finance and Administration Bernard Lillis said the new service was a wonderful example of the University and Metro working together to improve public transport choices for students and staff.

“The increased frequency of buses to the University campus offers great convenience for our students and our staff,” Mr Lillis said.

“Affordable, easy transport is vital for students in the face of rising fuel costs and public transport is also a great environmentally friendly travel option.

“The striking UTAS bus wrap also makes this new service unmissable in more ways than one.”

Mr Sim said the new UTAS service was just one of a number of changes introduced to southern Tasmanian services at the weekend.

“We have introduced additional services to Mount Nelson, Tolmans Hill and Dynnyrne Monday to Friday, and additional services on weekdays and weekends at Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Tarroona and Channel,” he said.

“Metro will be actively monitoring the changes and urge customers to try out the new services.”

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