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Careers and Courses in ICT Expo

The UTAS School of Computing and Information Systems will today open its cutting edge gaming development labs and reveal its latest research breakthroughs to secondary school students as part of National ICT Careers Week.

The Careers and Courses in ICT Expo will showcase the range of ICT courses on offer at UTAS, including the new Games Fundamentals course offered for the first time this year.

More than 20 games developed in the purpose-built games lab as part of the course will be on display, including Flying Fuzzies, Zombie Shooter, Fishing Extreme and Ladybugs.

Secondary students will also get the chance to build computer graphics and animations using the latest technology and observe sophisticated software developed by researchers at UTAS.

School of Computing and Information Systems senior lecturer and expo organiser Dr Kristy de Salas said that no matter what career students wanted to work in, studying ICT would help them.

“Studying ICT is the start to a rewarding, interesting and social career anywhere in the world and these days almost all occupations require a good range of ICT skills,” Dr de Salas said.

“And with Tasmania being the first state to benefit from the National Broadband Network rollout there are big opportunities for growth in ICT industries.”

Local industry representatives will also talk to students about ICT career opportunities

The ICT Careers and Courses Expo is a partnership between UTAS, Tasmanian Polytechnic and Searson Buck.

WHEN: 11.30am on Tuesday, 28 July, 2009

WHERE: Computing and Information Systems Building, University of Tasmania, Grosvenor Crescent, Sandy Bay (behind the Faculty of Law building).

WHO: Secondary school students testing out the latest computer games developed by UTAS students, playing with robots, experimenting with new graphic design software and trialling a sophisticated freight transport monitoring system using a car race track.

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