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Conference first for Cradle Coast Campus

The achievements of the first students to complete a full university degree in North West Tasmania will be celebrated at a conference next Monday in Burnie.

The “Many Paths” conference will be held at the Cradle Coast Campus of the University of Tasmania, highlighting the achievements of approximately 30 students who are the first to have had the chance to study the entire four year Bachelor of Education degree in Burnie.

Bachelor of Education Campus Co-ordinator Pat Grey says the conference will be an opportunity to reflect on the various life paths that have led the students to their university achievement.

“With a majority of mature-age students, the age range and life experiences represented in the group brings a richness and complexity that is a feature of their approach to learning and is reflected in the conference topics selected,” Ms Grey said.

“This conference highlights the significance of research in the work of teaching and enables students to select an area of interest to investigate.

“Our students have demonstrated a wide range of interests and an innovative and creative approach to their research.”

The students will present papers on topics including literacy, exam anxiety, classroom pets, gender differences and teacher’s roles in stemming Australia’s obesity epidemic.

On the students will travel to Launceston to listen to the work of their fourth year Bachelor of education colleagues.

Media Opportunity

What: Many Paths Education Conference, opportunity to talk to the students about their experiences and success.

Where: Rooms D201 and D202 at the Cradle Coast Campus of the University of Tasmania, Mooreville Road, Burnie

When: Monday 12 October 2009 from 9am. Video/photts can be taken of the conference and the media is welcome to attend. The best time to interview to Pat Grey and students is during the lunch break between 12:30-1.30pm.

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