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University welcomes new students

New University of Tasmania students will gain an insight into tertiary life and study during Orientation Week (**16-20 February**).

The University's Tasmanian and Sydney campuses are helping new students prepare for their tertiary journey with course information sessions, campus tours, welcome lunches, career planning, peer assisted study sessions and information expos.

First semester kicks off next week (Monday, February 23) with Orientation Week allowing new students a chance to familiarise themselves with their new surrounds.

"Starting university studies is such an important and exciting occasion," University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen said.

"It signals a new chapter in someone's life, opening up a world of opportunities which are endless."

Orientation Week allows new students from across Tasmania, Australia and internationally the opportunity to learn more about the services and facilities available at their campus.

New students are also encouraged to attend faculty information sessions, which help outline course requirements, timetabling and student services.

"The faculty information sessions are invaluable as students have the chance to meet lecturers, tutors and other students," Professor Rathjen said.

If students cannot attend orientation, they are encouraged to participate in online orientation or online orientation for distance students.

The Tasmanian University Union (TUU) will be hosting O'Week festivities the week after Orientation (from February 23, first week of classes for Semester 1). Events include market days, sporting and entertainment activities.

Orientation Week highlights include:

* Cradle Coast – Orientation Expo, campus tours and sessions – Friday 20 February 2015

* Australian Maritime College (AMC) – Sailing Day at Beauty Point, Sunday 22 February 2015.

* Launceston – Orientation Expo and barbecue, midday-2.30pm, Monday 16 February 2015.

* Hobart – Orientation Expo and barbecue, 11am-2pm, Monday 16 February 2015.

For more information, campus programs and faculty information sessions visit www.utas.edu.au/first-year/orientation.

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