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Like father, like daughter

Studying alongside your dad might sound quirky, but for Bianca Vos, it's a perfect match.

Father and daughter Michael and Bianca, of Ulverstone, are studying Education side by side at UTAS.

They were both recently honoured with a place on the UTAS Faculty of Education's Dean's Roll of Academic Excellence.

Not only are they both bright students, but both are well on their ways to becoming teachers. Michael is about to embark on a six-week full time placement in a remote indigenous community in Western Australia, while Bianca is setting off for an international exchange. She will study Education at Malmo University, Sweden.

Bianca said she was motivated to study Education because she believes it is a career which provides people with the skills to help them participate fully in society.

"Dad had always wanted to study Education, he even received a scholarship to do Maths and Science Education when he was younger - but things just got in the way."

The father-daughter pair have enjoyed studying together and found it beneficial.

"We proof-read each other's assignments and give feedback and suggestions, but I am the lucky one because dad can tell me what to expect," Bianca said.

Michael and Bianca both attend the Cradle Coast campus in Burnie.

"Everyone knows each other there and there is heaps of support," Bianca said.

The Faculty of Education Dean's Roll of Academic Excellence will appear in local papers on 1 July 09.

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