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New UTAS degree to benefit North-West's cornerstone industries

The University of Tasmania's role in helping to transforming industries and regional economies will be reinforced with the introduction of a full applied science degree course at the Cradle Coast Campus (CCC) from Semester 1 next year.

The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology will offer the Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) on the CCC and is working closely with CCC staff to provide a quality science education for students in the region.

UTAS Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Janelle Allison said the university is building on its current offerings at the campus. This week it will launch the new degree at a function jointly hosted by the CCC and the Faculty of SET.

"This new degree offers a great opportunity for students to develop their knowledge and skills in a field that has practical career applications for many of the region's cornerstone industries such as mining, forestry, aquaculture, agriculture and manufacturing," Prof Allison explained.

"What is especially exciting is that final-year students in this degree will have the opportunity to work with local businesses to gain real-world experience in how science is used in the workplace. Our graduates will play a key role in the future success of these industries in the North-West."

The Dean of the Faculty of SET, Prof Margaret Britz, added: "The Faculty of SET is pleased to be offering this degree which is part of a major commitment to growth in quality science education across northern Tasmania".

The three-year Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) includes studies across a range of key science disciplines (biology, chemistry, ecology, geography, statistics and environmental policy and management) providing the knowledge and skills to manage, assess and minimise our impact upon the environment.

More detailed information about the new degree will be provided at an information evening on Thursday evening at 5.30 pm at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus.

What: Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Science) Information Evening

When: Thursday November 7, 5.30 pm

Where: UTAS Cradle Coast Campus, D203, 16-20 Mooreville Road, Burnie

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