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University's research into achieving better learning outcomes for students to be outlined

Leading public and private educators, teachers and University of Tasmania academics and staff will be in Hobart tomorrow to attend the first University of Tasmania Faculty of Education: Year in Review breakfast presented by the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor John Williamson.

To be held at the Sandy Bay Campus, the review will outline the University's achievements in learning and teaching, research and community engagement.

One of the guest speakers, University of Tasmania lecturer in professional studies, Dr Kerry Howells, will be outlining the outcomes of her recent research projects in various educational contexts where she has introduced the practice of gratitude in education.

Gratitude – the act of giving back out of acknowledgment for what we receive – presents a powerful shift from the paradigm of exchange and resentment, and according to Dr Howells leads to improved relationships, well-being and student learning outcomes.

Also speaking will be Dr Janet Dymont, a senior lecturer in human movement studies in the Faculty of Education.

Prior to her appointment at the University of Tasmania, she taught from 1999-2003 in the School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism at Lakehead University in Canada and the University of Boston (1997-1998).

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