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UTAS Harmony Day Celebrations in Launceston

Around 1000 students with international origins will receive welcome certificates from the Mayor of Launceston, Albert van Zetten in a Harmony Day celebration **TOMORROW** (Tuesday March 23).

The festivities will begin at the Newnham campus at 11am with Taiko drumming and swing dancing followed by the certificate presentation and more international entertainment from Malaysia, China, Oman, Liberia and Sierra Leone. International food will also be available.

During the formal ceremony students will also receive messages of welcome from the UTAS deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor David Rich, the Launceston Chamber of Commerce, Tasmania Police and the Pro Vice-Chancellor of Teaching and Learning, Professor Gary O'Donovan.

UTAS community engagement manager Jo Archer said that students receiving certificates include those visiting from overseas to study and along with those previously from overseas and now living in the northern community.

“We’ve also invited the international students studying at all colleges and high schools in the northern region,” she said.

“So far students from Launceston Church Grammar, Scotch Oakburn College, Prospect High, Launceston College and the Newstead Academy have indicated they will attend.”

At the event the Mayor will formally welcome the students, who will collect their certificates and a welcome pack of goodies and publications from UTAS and community businesses.

Schedule of events:

- **11am** welcome and entertainment
- **11.30 am** UTAS, Launceston City Council, Launceston Chamber of Commerce and Tasmania Police welcome to students
- **12 noon** Students to begin collecting certificates
- **12.05pm** More entertainment until 2pm

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