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New students find their feet

A new batch of students faced their first day nerves this morning as they launched their journey into university life at First Semester Orientation Day (today) at the University of Tasmania's Cradle Coast Campus.

Around 200 students are expected to attend across the course of the day which includes course information sessions, campus tours, a welcome lunch, career planning, peer assisted study sessions and information expo highlighting University and local services.

Orientation Day provides new students with a chance to familiarise themselves with their new surrounds, meeting their lecturers, tutors, support staff and fellow students before first semester starts next Monday.

"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."

The University of Tasmania is offering accommodation to new students for the first time this year with the recent completion of the West Park Apartments.

Students will be given the opportunity to inspect the apartments on Orientation Day and will be provided with a tour of the teaching and learning developments underway at West Park.

At least three courses will be offered from West Park this year once building development is completed in the Makers' Workshop and Domestic Arts buildings at West Park in April.

Students enrolled in engineering, business and arts subjects will be attending lectures and tutorials from the West Park facilities in 2015.

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.

Staff will be on hand tomorrow (Saturday) from from 10am to 4pm at the Cradle Coast Student Centre and online to help with enrolments, ahead of the commencement of Semester 1 next week.

We will also be available on 1300 361 928, or via email at Student.Centre@utas.edu.au if you are unable to attend in person.

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

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