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Summer School kicks off with dance

The University of Tasmania's annual 10-day Creative Arts Summer School will kickoff Wednesday 14 January at 9am with performances by the Launceston College Contemporary Dance Group and poet-in-residence Alan Tayler.

This will be the third Summer School held at the Academy of the Arts at Inveresk and 500 students from Tasmania, inter-State and international countries will be involved in courses giving them a tertiary credits.

The director of the Summer School, Professor Vincent McGrath, said the program had been carefully designed to offer a variety of arts workshops, including furniture design, theatre, sculpture and photography.

"Several of the experts teaching these workshops enjoy national and international reputations and many of the workshops reflect a distinctly Tasmanian experience – food design, natural environment, heritage and natural science," he said.

"I'm pleased that the Newstead College Rock summer School and Launceston College's Concert Band program are both integral elements of the Summer school, as well as Launceston College's Contemporary Dance Group."

New elements of the Creative Arts Summer School 2009 are:

- UTAS School of Architecture's *Fine Furniture Design – Learning by Making* workshop;
- UTAS School of Computing and Information Systems' *Virtual Reality and Advanced Media* workshop;
- UTAS School of History and Classics' *Indigenous People of North America* workshop;
- Salamanca Arts Centre's *Lucrative Arts Business* workshop.

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