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## **Riawunna opens up to new students for 2012**

An exciting new contemporary art unit will be among the study options introduced to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders **TOMORROW (Thursday 16 February)**, when the UTAS Riawunna Centre in Launceston opens its doors to potential new students.

At 10am visitors will tour the school, followed by course outlines and lunch.

The focus will be on the Murina programme, a bridging programme introducing students to the university, familiarising them with course and subject options and giving them the opportunity to develop academic skills.

The new one semester art unit in the Murina programme includes field trips to Aboriginal sites and communities to incorporate archaeological, historical and cultural studies.

Art teacher Brigitte Wolfe said students who sign on will explore various mediums and contemporary art styles.

“The students’ work will be exhibited in the recently developed exhibition space at Riawunna,” she said.

Potential students who attend the open day will have lunch provided after the initial tour and then teachers will outline course options. The following Thursday is orientation day for the Murina programme students.

Riawunna is committed to the advancement of knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and societies and to the promotion of cross-cultural understanding.

### **Riawunna Open Day:**

**WHERE:** Building K, UTAS Newnham Campus, Cnr AMC Rd and Newnham Drive.

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 16 from 10am.

**Media are invited to Riawunna during the lunch break from 12 noon. Ann Edwards from Riawunna and elder in residence Auntie Phyllis Pitchford will be available for interview.**

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