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Orientation Week kicks off for 2011

Orientation Week begins today marking the start of the new university year.

Orientation will be held across all UTAS campuses and new students are being encouraged to take part to ensure a smooth transition to life at university.

Coordinator of First Year and Transition Programs, Mr Brian Sweeney, said orientation week gives new students the chance to prepare for the year ahead.

“Starting university for the first time can be both an exciting and daunting experience for local and international students. However, by attending orientation week, students can feel more informed and know what to expect,” he said.

“Orientation Week provides an introduction to the faculty, services and facilities, as well as an opportunity to get involved in activities, connect with peers and other students – all key to becoming a successful first year student.

“For some schools, faculties and institutes, orientation week is compulsory. It is really important for all students to attend Orientation Week and become acquainted with what UTAS offers.

“Orientation Week is a great way for new students to settle into university.”

Information and resources will also be available during orientation. Students can also be taken on faculty and campus tours to help them find their way around campus.

An online orientation is also available for students who are unable to attend an on-campus orientation. It can also be a handy tool for students who attend an on campus orientation to refresh their memory or find out further information.

Students who have enrolled at UTAS are advised to check the information they have been sent for session times for their faculty orientation. Further information can be found at: www.firstyear.utas.edu.au/orientation. For general enquiries, students can contact the Student Centre on 1300 361 928.

The Tasmanian University Union will host O'Week from Monday 21 February 2011. O'Week will feature activities, music and free food.

Media opportunities during the week:

An expo will be held at the Sandy Bay campus on Thursday and Friday from 12.00-2.00pm, and free music and lunch at Launceston campus from 12.30-2.30pm all week. Cradle Coast campus will hold their orientation on Friday 18 February. Free activities including a barbecue and information expo will be held from 11.30am-1.00pm.

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