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University abhors violence against students

The Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Rich said today the University of Tasmania strongly condemns any violence or any form of vilification against its students or staff.

Professor Rich said the University is continuing to work with Tasmania Police to address concerns about student safety in the community.

“It is distressing when any of our students are victims of violence in the community,” Professor Rich said.

“The recent incidents involving three of our international students are disturbing and the University is appreciative of the work Tasmania Police is doing to solve these crimes.”

Professor Rich said the University approaches the issues of safety for all members of the University community very seriously and works hard to ensure all students can study and learn in a safe and secure environment.

“The University offers advice and information to all students and staff about services and support areas provided within UTAS to improve awareness about safety on and off the campus.

“The University has made improvements to lighting and help access points over recent years to improve safety on campus.

“Once students leave our campuses, we encourage them to be proactive about their own safety, including walking with a friend or a group of friends at night, and immediately reporting any incidents to either our security services or police.”

Professor Rich said the University is working closely with a number of stakeholders including Tasmania Police, the State Government and local councils.

The University of Tasmania has zero tolerance to racial vilification and any behaviour that impacts on the safety of students both on and off campus.

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