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Record enrolments at UTAS's Cradle Coast campus

The University of Tasmania's Cradle Coast campus has reached a significant milestone, with 1000 students now enrolled there.

UTAS Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen says achieving the 1000 student enrolment mark at the start of the second semester is a cause for celebration.

"The number of enrolments at the campus has been steadily increasing over the last few years as the North West community take advantage of the expanding range of degrees being offered at the Cradle Coast campus," he said.

"UTAS plays a leadership role in Tasmania, not only in the provision of tertiary education and as a major economic contributor, but also as an agent of innovation and cultural change.

"Having 1000 students enrolled at the one time is a coming of age for the campus and indicates the growing recognition of the importance of tertiary education in regional areas."

UTAS Cradle Coast campus Director Professor Janelle Allison says one of the strengths of regional campuses around Australia is their commitment to supporting the needs of the community.

"The majority of our students at the Cradle Coast Campus are women, with part time jobs, over the age of 25. Around half of these are the first in their family to undertake university education," Professor Allison said.

"We realise that one of our biggest features for North West students is that the campus is here in the region where they live. For many, this provides an opportunity for tertiary education that would not be possible if they had to travel to study."

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