Alternate Learning Program is a Great Success at TAFE Illawarra’s Cooma Campus!

TAFE Illawarra recently offered an Alternate Learning Program at five of its Campuses including Cooma Campus, with great success.

A group of students from Monaro High School took part in the Program and have gained new skills and a taste for working life as a result of the Program.

The Year 10 students were selected by their schools to take part in an Alternate Learning Program aimed at providing pathways to employment and/or further study.

According to Deborah White, Project Officer for the Alternate Schools Program, the students spent every Friday for one Semester at TAFE Illawarra’s Cooma Campus learning about Automotive – Small Engines, Animal Studies and Childcare with the opportunity to gain further qualifications in First Aid, OHS White Card, Barista Coffee and Workplace Hygiene.

“This is a great partnership between TAFE Illawarra and the Schools,” said Ms White.

“This training has enabled the students to gain an experience of vocational courses that are run at Cooma Campus. For many it is hoped they may consider school based apprenticeships or further studies through the TVET program. The TVET course is a practical way of gaining work skills and a TAFE qualification while they complete their HSC,” said Ms White.

“The students have really enjoyed the Program and were very keen to continue with the Program even though it had finished. It has given the students a valuable insight into what they can achieve at TAFE Illawarra,” added Ms White.

“The program is aimed at assisting students remain at school to complete their HSC and give them an insight into careers in the vocational and trade area,” said Ms White.

“The Program has been an overwhelming success and with comments like “it was very good and was a great experience” and “a fun course and I really liked it, thank you” from some of the students that took part, we know that the Program will be of great benefit to other students who would like to get an understanding of vocational opportunities,” said Ms White.

“We strongly encourage students to remain in school and then consider future study and career options available at TAFE Illawarra,” added Ms White.

To learn more about what TAFE Illawarra has to offer call 1300 766 123, go to www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or visit Cooma Campus at 66 Commissioner Street, Cooma.