International Students Graduate from TAFE Illawarra

TAFE Illawarra will celebrate the graduation of over 35 international students including ELICOS (English Language) students at a special ceremony at Wollongong Campus on Tuesday 19 June 2012.

The students have undertaken study in many different vocational areas including Accounting, Aged Care, Children’s Services, Engineering, Fitness, Hospitality, and English Language. The students come from many countries including Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Fiji, India, Italy, Iran, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam and United Kingdom.

International students studying at TAFE Illawarra are integrated into classes with Australian students to maximise opportunities for cross cultural experiences and bring different perspectives to the learning environment. Furthermore, this practice helps international students to improve their English language skills.

“We value our international students and the contribution they make to campus life. Both our domestic and international students benefit greatly from the global networking that occurs when they interact as part of their learning,” said Dianne Murray, Institute Director.

“The relationships that develop may continue long after the students have completed their studies,” added Ms Murray.

During their period of study, these students have taken advantage of a number of services that TAFE Illawarra provides to international students including counselling, pastoral care and the student association.

“Graduation ceremonies are very important to TAFE Illawarra, as they provide an opportunity to recognise students for their tremendous efforts,” she said.

“I am confident that graduating students will excel in their chosen careers and will represent TAFE Illawarra as a quality provider of education and training,” she added.

“Congratulations to all students graduating on Tuesday,” she said.

Media are invited to interview staff and students:

Date: Tuesday 19 June 2012
Time: 11.00am – 2.00pm
Location: TAFE Illawarra
Wollongong Campus
Twenty Twenty Restaurant
Building V
Foleys Lane, Wollongong

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