TAFE Illawarra hosts Orientation week for Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care

TAFE Illawarra will host Orientation week for the new Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care at Shellharbour Campus from Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2012.

Students will attend a number of sessions throughout the week to familiarise themselves with the program including course requirements, facilities on Campus as well as meeting TAFE Illawarra staff involved in the course.

According to Belinda Mackinnon, Faculty Director Human Services, Tourism and Hospitality, the main aim of Orientation week is to assist students to gain a greater insight into what is required of them during the course.

“The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care is an exciting course and a new concept in early childhood teacher education and will offer pathway options for students undertaking a Certificate III, IV and Diploma as well as others completing the three year teaching degree,” she said.

“The degree program has been developed in consultation with industry to ensure currency and relevance to the early childhood profession,” she added.

“We believe that the state of the art facility at Shellharbour Campus combined with an exciting student activity program will create a dynamic and welcoming environment for productive learning,” she said.

Students will be taken on a tour of the Campus including the library, student association facilities and customer service centre.

“We have also organised a Higher Education Skills Development workshop for the students which is designed to assist them with their writing skills and interpreting course requirements, reading and note taking, report and essay writing and referencing techniques,” she said.

“Students will also be given a presentation on the Early Childhood Education and Care Profession by Emma Rattenburgh from Illawarra Childrens’ Services.”

This course is a four year professional degree that prepares graduates for teaching in early childhood services and provides an approach that integrates theoretical knowledge and practical education and care skills. The course will commence on Monday 27 February 2012.

Media are invited to interview and photograph students and staff at Shellharbour Campus on:

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012
Time: Between 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Venue: Shellharbour Campus
Building F
11 College Ave, Oak Flats.

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