TAFE Illawarra to offer Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5) will be offered for the first time at TAFE Illawarra’s Shellharbour Campus in Semester 1, 2012.

“This exciting course is a new concept in early childhood teacher education and will offer pathway options for students undertaking Certificate III, IV and Diploma as well as others completing the three year teaching degree,” said Dianne Murray, Institute Director.

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

“TAFE Illawarra has an enviable reputation for producing highly competent, industry ready graduates from our Certificate and Diploma level qualifications,” said Dianne.

“The degree will offer a pathway for students to further their career in early childhood education which has been identified as a skill shortage area,” she added.

Extensive academic support has been embedded into the degree program and small tutorial class sizes will ensure that the course is practical and student focused.

“Our highly qualified and experienced staff have strong ties with the early childhood profession ensuring graduates have the necessary skills and knowledge to provide high quality care for children,” said Dianne.

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

“Industry groups such as Community Childcare and Family Day Care have shown great support for the program. In fact, we have already had over 100 people express a desire to undertake the course,” she added.

For more information about the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5) offered at Shellharbour Campus please contact Joanne Fuller on 4222 2990.

An information session will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2012 between 5.00pm and 7.00pm at Shellharbour Campus in Building F, Room 1, 11 College Ave Oak Flats.