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AACC Burdekin Open Day promises something for everyone

If you're looking for a career on the land then Saturday, August 23 is a very important date to jot down in the diary because that's when the gates open for the 2008 Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) Open Day at the Burdekin Campus.

Campus Manager Mrs Robyn O'Sullivan said the event promised a non-stop progression of displays and demonstrations throughout the day and was the perfect experience for prospective students to learn what's on offer at the Campus.

"The gates will open between 9am and 3pm and there'll be something for everyone with chainsaw demonstrations as well as motorbikes and quad bikes operating," she said.

"For those interested in horses and livestock, there'll be an equestrian display and we'll have students demonstrating their skills down at our cattle yards. And I'm sure visitors will be intrigued when they see our butcher shop producing smallgoods on the day"

Mrs O'Sullivan said there will be buses to escort guests around the campus and she encouraged visitors not to miss the engineering demonstrations and students operating tractors in the irrigated cropping section.

"And, for prospective students and their families who like what they see on Campus, we'll have information sessions in the lecture theatre and one-on-one interviews to detail what course options are available.

"For anyone contemplating a career on the land or looking to further their rural skills, a visit to the Campus on August 23 is a must," she said.

One Burdekin Campus student who doesn't need a second invitation is Veronica Ferris who knows she'll "get roped into something for sure" to assist on the day.

The 18-year-old only started at the Campus in early February, but says she already has the confidence to show off her newly acquired skills at the popular educational event.

"I'm more than willing to get involved in a demonstration," she said.

Veronica's attitude is indicative of the confidence shared by fellow students who have taken part in the Certificate III horse handling and breeding course and she's eagerly awaiting the big day to roll around.

Not that it will hold too many surprises given the former Kyogle girl flew up for the 2007 Open Day and was inspired by her AACC surroundings.

"I thought it was a resort, not a college," she recalled. "It was just beautiful."

"But once you came past the dorms and houses and got to the yards, you soon realised that's where the work starts," she said.

For more information about the AACC Burdekin Campus Open Day call 4790 6222, email burdekin@aacc.edu.au or visit www.aacc.edu.au

Photo Caption:

[Australian Agricultural College student Veronica Ferris can't wait to show off her skills at the annual Burdekin Campus Open Day in Clare this Saturday August 23 from 9am to 3pm.]

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