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AACC Dalby Open Day promises a world of choice

Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) Dalby Campus Manager Mr Bill Callaghan can't wait for the doors to open on the 2008 Open Day because the event gives him yet another opportunity to show off his Campus's quality facilities.

"Training is our business – that's why it's important to let interested students and their parents experience what Campus life is all about," he said.

"This is a great chance for them to see what the Campus has to offer first hand before they sign on for courses and it's also an opportunity for the townsfolk and wider community to see what we have to offer as well."

Starting at 9am on August 23, the day will provide a wealth of activities and displays as well as morning tea and lunch.

"Our general courses cover a wide range of subjects including handling horses, cattle and sheep. We also cover cropping as well as all things related to cropping and machinery – so our displays will represent these areas."

Mr Callaghan said the campus had advertised the Open Day to schools and career markets, as well as on the AACC website.

"We're hoping for a repeat of last year when people came from near and far to see what subjects students can do and the teaching options available to them.

"We've also got a few displays to entertain the crowd and lighten the day with the Those Tap Guys performing during the lunch period and the U-Beaut Ute Show is guaranteed to prove popular."

One student keen to be a part of the day is 19-year-old Fiona MacDiarmid.

With a swag of industry scholarships already behind her, the 19-year-old knows her way around a paddock and says the Open Day is a great opportunity for newcomers to the region, or students wanting to begin their rural studies, to experience the Campus and see what options are available.

"The Open Days and TASTE programs give you a chance to try the facilities and meet your teachers before starting a new course," she said.

"It helps settle the nerves and lets you understand what's expected of you during your studies. That way you can ask questions and have a good idea of what's in store, so there are no surprises.

"Anyone wanting to start a rural course should definitely come to the AACC Dalby Campus and see what we do," she said.

For more information about the AACC Dalby Campus Open Day call 4672 3000, email dalby@aacc.edu.au or visit www.aacc.edu.au

Photo Caption:

[Dalby Campus ready to showcase rural training and careers: The Australian Agricultural College Dalby Campus Manager Bill Callaghan can't wait to open the doors to prospective students and the community at the annual Open Day this Saturday August 23, 9am – 3pm.]

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