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Staff and Students shine at National TAFE Day celebrations!

Celebrations for the biggest National TAFE Day held in South Australia will kick off at the TAFE SA city campus from 12 noon on Thursday 13 June 2019.

National TAFE Day is an annual event that recognises and celebrates the quality education provided by TAFE staff and the valuable qualifications achieved by students.

Various program areas will be on display in the Atrium area of the city campus including Floristry, Hairdressing and Beauty, Barbers, Community and Children’s Services, Health, Fashion, Painting, Sculpture, Jewellery making, with the event being recorded by film and media students.

Delicious food will be available including the ever-popular TAFE Cupcakes. Entertainment on the day will include a traditional Arabic dance called the Dapke performed by dance students as well as music and vocals performed by a TAFE lecturer. Speeches by students, lecturers and industry supporters will provide personal insights about their experiences of TAFE.

Branch Secretary of the Australian Education Union (SA Branch) Leah York said that TAFE delivers the best option for education for many students.

“TAFE provides quality education and training pathways for students who may otherwise be left out of the educational equation,” she said.

“TAFE provides options for students who enjoy learning more hands-on practical skills; it supports vulnerable students in developing job-ready skills; it reconnects disengaged students and sets their feet back on the path to learning; it opens up a world full of careers for secondary students and it offers life-changing education for mature age students,” said Ms York.

The event showcases the diversity of career options on offer and raises awareness about the importance of TAFE as the public provider of vocational education and training in Australia.

Supported by the Australian Education Union, National TAFE Day is an opportunity to reinforce the importance of TAFE within public education and focus attention on the need for reinvestment in the TAFE sector.

“Successive state and federal governments have slashed funding to TAFE and seriously eroded the sector. This must be reversed. We need to support TAFE SA and ensure it receives reinvestment now and into the future,” said Ms York.

“We can’t afford not to support TAFE, because it really is too good to lose.”

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