

Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Ballarat campus was open to the public for 2015 Open Day on Sunday 30 August. Open Day gives prospective students, their parents and friends the chance to find out all about life at ACU.

It was an opportunity for people to learn about study options and how the University can help support their career goals. There was live entertainment by NOVA, lots of prizes given-away, and great food was on offer.



ACU Campus Dean Associate Professor Joe Fleming said Open Day was an opportunity to discover why the University is so popular among students. "ACU offers students a friendly, supportive environment for students preparing for careers in schools, hospitals, the ambulance services and a range of other workplaces," Associate Professor Fleming said. "Coupled with the knowledge, professional experience and ethical practice students gain at ACU, it is little wonder why so many of our students are in jobs after graduation. "According to the 2014 Graduate Destination Survey, 93 per cent of ACU students are in employment within four months of graduation."

ACU staff and students were on hand to answer questions and conduct tours of the campus. The key activities and events included finding out about early entry, overseas study options, scholarships, undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and alternative entry, entertainment from interactive Facebook game ACU Racer, the crew from Nova FM, live bands, comedians, indigenous dancers and more. Prospective students could investigate studying in Italy at the newly opened Rome Campus, attend a session for parents and families, visit the student village – Camillus, which provides accommodation services for students relocating for university study. They could meet the academic staff: faculty deans, heads of school and course coordinators who could answer questions about what to study and what's involved.

Visitors were able to check out the new site for the Physiotherapy course to commence in 2017, meet the people who run support services, including Campus Ministry, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Units and the





Student Association, explore the early childhood facility where education students could receive simulated experiences in a child care facility on campus. They could look inside the ACU ambulance, which is used throughout the nursing/paramedicine course and see demonstrations at the Nursing, Biomedical Science and Paramedicine labs – where you could even have your blood pressure and temperature checked.

Open day was a huge success in giving prospective students the occasion to learn about campus life and the courses available at ACU.

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