YEAR 12 students of Taree and surrounding areas will be considering their futures this week at the Taree District Careers Expo on Friday.

The event is held at Chatham High School from 9.10am to midday and will cater for 1000 Year 12 students.

Sixty tertiary and training institutions including 16 universities from two states and one territory will combine under one roof to offer advice to prospective 2011 students.

“The event is timed to coincide with the opening of University Admission Centre applications,” said Neil Locker, careers adviser at Chatham High School. The day is organised by careers advisers from local schools and sponsored by the NSW Department of Education and Training and the Manning River Times.

“It is market situation where Year 12 students are given the opportunity to check out universities, private colleges, TAFE and other specialist trainers such as the police, defence forces and employment and apprenticeship areas.”

Taree District Careers Expo is a one-day event aimed to offer choice to students in an area distanced from many of the institutions represented. Many students may follow up with campus visits on open days before submitting their final applications. Parents of students are also encouraged to attend.

The expo is so popular, the organisers have had to turn away several organisations. However, the committee has picked 60 of the most appropriate organisations to help local students.

New organisations are Essential Energy, Tocal Agricultural College, National Australia Bank and Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

One organisation worth a look is the Australian Industry Group which is the biggest employment group in Australia. They have vast contacts, so ask for contacts in the well paid mining industry in addition to the vast number of industries that they cover.