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

The event is held at Chatham High School from 9.30am to midday and will cater for 1000 Year 12 students.

Sixty two careers and training institutions including 36 universities from two states and one territory will combine under one roof to offer advice to prospective 2013 students.

The event is timed to coincide with the opening of University Admission Centre applications, said Neil Leczk, 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 distant 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 for a range of reasons the TAFE has picked of the most appropriate organisations to help local students," This is a once-only opportunity for you!

Never again will you have so many advisers at the one place to seek and compare information!

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A word of advice

It is important that students cover their options by exploring them. There are some excellent high level courses which can be used as credit towards university or as a quality qualification on their own right.

Students should also ask about the Principals’ Recommendation Entry Schemes offered at the University of New England, Southern Cross University, Charles Sturt University and the University of Canberra. The University of Newcastle lets local students in on four ATAMS less than the advertised ATARs for most courses, whilst the Southern Cross University allows students extra five ATAMS.

Preparation prevents poor performance

STUDENTS should prepare for the day by reading up on the courses they’re interested in and the places they would like to live after school.

They should write down questions that come to mind not only about the course but also accommodation, scholarships, youth allowances, facilities and other costs.

The best advice on what to do on the day is to ask questions. And don’t settle for an answer if you want to know more, keep asking and asking until you’re satisfied.

Be free to go back a second and a third time if you think of a question later. Readings going to university should now fully check their new UMC guide as a refernce point for enquiries.

Schools attending: Chatham High, Taree High, Wingham High, Doolandella High, St Clare’s High, Taree Christian College, Great Lakes College, Camooweal, Balgaldeh Central, Manning Valley Anglican School.

Wanting to go straight into a job:

Australian Defence Forces
Australian Industry Group
Brick and Block Association
Building Careers – Vocational Job Finder
Mid Coast Group Training
Motor Traders Association
New South Wales Apprentice
North analysis Centre
NSW Police
NSW Rural
Westpac

University Admissions Centre

Charles Sturt University
Newcastle University
Macleay Institute of Technology

Charles Sturt University offers a number of courses right here in Port Macquarie, some in conjunction with North Coast TAFE, so you can now study at university without having to leave home.

CSU also offers a wide range of courses via distance education study mode.

You can find out more about CSU by attending our Information Day at the Port Macquarie Campus, 27 Grant Street on Thursday 23 August (register online at csu.edu.au/portal-info, or by talking to Sandra, Bronwyn and Fran at the Taree Career Expo.

CSU.edu.au/4me

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PARENTS ARE VERY WELCOME

Looking for accommodation away from Taree?

Ask the representatives about accommodation as it can cost parents $12,000 to $15,000 and more to keep a student whilst attending university or TAFE in metropolitan areas.

Scholarships

At the expo, representatives will have information on the various scholarships available. Please ask for details, especially about the Commonwealth Scholarships for Rural Students.

There are some new changes.

Training

AS the job market is difficult in the Manning area, it is even more important for students to get good training. This is the key to gaining a rewarding and satisfying job.

Independent Youth Allowance

There have been many changes in this area so it is important to ask Centrelink (site 9) for exact details on health available.