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## **LIVE IN CANBERRA TARGETS NEXT GENERATION OF NATION CAPITAL'S WORKERS**

The *Live in Canberra* team will be on campus in the upcoming weeks, giving the ins and outs of Canberra life to the thousands of new students about to commence their tertiary studies in the ACT.

The *Live in Canberra* program for new students will start this Thursday, 1 February, at the Canberra Institute of Technology, with a series of information seminars to coincide with the beginning of term.

*Live in Canberra* will also be involved in Orientation Weeks at the ANU and the University of Canberra. There will be a Live in Canberra stall at ANU's Market Day on Wednesday 14 February, with entertainment to be provided by local band Heuristic, and then at the University of Canberra's Employability Skills Expo on 15 February.

"Canberra's tertiary institutions are ranked among the best in the world and attract some of the brightest students from all around Australia and overseas," said Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.

"These students are starting courses in professions the ACT has a huge demand for. Over the next few years, we want them to see what a fantastic place Canberra is to live in now, and to sow the seed that they should stay once they graduate."

With the ACT losing many graduates to cities such as Melbourne and Sydney, Mr Stanhope said promoting the wealth of employment and lifestyle opportunities in the ACT to these students was a new and innovative way of addressing the Territory's skills shortage.

"It is one thing to attract these students to our city. The next step is to keep them here," he said.

"*Live in Canberra* is building on strong partnerships already created with the University of Canberra, ANU and CIT to touch base with these students on their arrival in Canberra."

The *Live in Canberra* team will present information on local facilities, government services, events and attractions as well as any general advice new students may need to help them make a smooth transition to living in the nation's capital.

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