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## **TAFE Queensland North Launches Bachelor Degree**

North Queensland students are getting the chance to take their arts studies to the next level.

TAFE Queensland has partnered with the University of Canberra, to deliver a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 2017 from the Pimlico campus.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said the move revolutionises the way in which students gain access to higher education.

“This degree will combine university thinking with the practical, hands-on learning that TAFE Queensland North is well known for providing.

“The Bachelor of Visual Arts will ensure that our regional artists are well placed to pursue all of the opportunities that are available to artists living in larger cities.

“Our Diploma of Visual Arts students can enrol in this new degree and have their study time shortened by up to 12 months.

“It really is a great outcome for our students; they can stay in the region and continue their studies in a learning environment that they are confident and comfortable in,” Ms Pyne said.

TAFE Queensland North Business, Innovation and the Arts Business Manager, Trevor Jewell said students studying the Bachelor of Visual Arts will learn in an open and supportive studio environment.

“This degree could also help our students pursue artistic goals nationally and overseas, as undergraduate degrees are typically needed if people wish to apply for high profile arts residencies or gain a Masters degree.

“The Bachelor of Visual Arts will allow our students to hone their expertise so they can pursue a wider range of job opportunities as visual arts and crafts professionals,” Mr Jewell said.

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