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Department of Education and Colony 47 sign Memorandum of Understanding for better student outcomes

On Wednesday 13 August at 2.00pm, Colony 47 and the Department of Education will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work together to increase retention of young Tasmanians in State schools beyond Year 10 and to promote the value of education and training in the Tasmanian community.

This formalises an already good working relationship between the two organisations and will provide opportunity for students to access improved integrated services and to strengthen our common goals.

Colony 47 CEO, Therese Taylor said that both organisations are committed to better educational outcomes in Tasmania.

“We already work in a number of State schools in a variety of ways with parents, students, and the community. This MOU will give us a formal vehicle to expand our existing work, especially in helping students remain in education to years 11 and 12,” said Ms Taylor.

The Secretary of the Department of Education, Colin Pettit, said that “working with community organisations such as Colony 47, allows schools greater access to local communities and employers through a united approach. It is essential to provide young people in Tasmania every opportunity to complete Year 12 and achieve an employment or further education outcome. The Department of Education will continue to work on building partnerships with community organisations on a shared vision for education in Tasmania.”

EVENT DETAILS:

When: Wednesday 13 August, at 2.00pm
Where: At Colony 47 – 432 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart

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Colony 47 focuses on five key areas to create a fairer community and improve the lives of disadvantaged Tasmanians. Our programs work across community development, early intervention, education and employment, housing and homelessness and mental health.