

FNU Labasa Campus strengthens partnership with key stakeholders

Fiji National University's (FNU) Labasa Campus held a talanoa session with high school principals in the Northern Division to enhance closer working partnership and provide updates on new campus developments.

FNU Labasa Head of Campus Pradeep Lal said 15 principals and school representatives attended the session, along with Labasa Stakeholder Advisory Committee members comprising of the Government sector, industries, traditional leaders, business leaders and women's, colleges, youth and disability organisations.



Principals and staff.

"The session was held to inform the principals of application and admission issues, new campus updates and to discuss issues they raised so that we could address it and serve our community better," Lal said.

"This is the first meeting of its kind and we are pleased with the response from the schools, with more than half attending the session."

"FNU lecturers and instructors were also part of this session and were given the opportunity to address the queries raised."

Lal said discussions included the prospect of Agriculture courses being offered at the Labasa Campus for students who did not wish to travel to Viti Levu for their studies.

"College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF) Dean Professor Paul Iji is aware of this and we will look into this request."

"We also discussed other programme subjects such as home economics and hospitality courses that could be offered here that aligns with the demand of these programmes by hoteliers in the division."

Lal added that school heads were encouraged to guide students when choosing their subject combinations to ensure it corresponded with their tertiary course and career ambitions.

"This has been a successful session and formal and informal discussions have come out of this that is only for the benefit of our campus in terms of fulfilling our delivery of quality education to students in the North."

"Information kits were also given to the school heads and representatives and this included admission forms, enrolment forms, list of programmes offered on campus and the University prospectus."

"We have established a positive working relationship with these schools and plan to build on this during the year through our community outreach and school visits."

Lal said the next session would be held in September this year.