



FNU student volunteer explaining to the high school students the possible career pathways at FNU Derrick Campus, Samabula.

## Good turn-out at FNU's Engineering & Science Fair

The Fiji National University (FNU), Engineering & Science Fair provided best friends Milinia Drau and Ana Tavo an opportunity to explore and understand the wide range of career pathways available after graduation.

The Nabua Secondary School students were part of a strong turnout of students that attended the 2-day event organised by FNU's College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST), at Derrick Campus in Samabula.

The event provided a platform for visitors, especially secondary school students, to interact with academic professionals, university students on career pathways as well as review student projects and participate in fun educational activities. This provided students with a greater understanding of study programmes taught at the university.

For friends Drau and Tavo, it was an interesting experience as they took part in various activities while searching for a perfect career option before their final exams.

"I want to become a doctor. However, if for some reason I am not able to fulfil this dream, I want to pursue something that would give me equal satisfaction as having a dream to enter the medical profession," said Drau.

"After touring the booths and having looked at the student displays, I am convinced that my second option would be biology and chemistry." The chat session with the student volunteers gave me insight as to how important these two subjects are.

"Biology and chemistry give an in-depth understanding of the natural world. I feel studying these would be interesting and fun due to the changing nature of the climate and the effects brought about with this," said Deputy Head Girl Drau.

The Year 13 student said the models such as the ginger factory and DNA caught her attention, which made her realise the importance of sustainable food production practices as well.

"In the world where we constantly face issues such as food security – I feel the work done by biologists is extremely important," said Drau.

Similar sentiments were shared by Head Girl Tavo. "I am grateful to have attended this event. For us science students, it really broadens our knowledge of the industries out there in the workforce."

"The decision of choosing science has proved positive for me, giving me an abundance of career options to choose from."

"We will have to fill out tertiary admission forms soon and I really appreciate this platform created by FNU for us science students to visit the campus and be able to make the best choice of profession," Tavo added.



(L-R) Best friends Ana Tavo and Milinia Drau at FNU Derrick Campus, Samabula.