

Live cookery demo, a popular stop at FNU Open Day 2019



Queen Victoria School students at the live cookery demo booth.

The Valelevu Grounds in Nasinu was abuzz today as more than 5000 high school students, teachers and members of the public attended the second day of the Fiji National University (FNU) Open Day 2019.

The visitors were amazed at the displays such as modern concepts of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and animal husbandry, mini aquaponics, nursery built with used bottles, 3D printing machine, launch scanner to diagnose vehicles, modified battery-operated carts and the visitors even got the opportunity to assemble the organs inside display mannequins and so forth.

Amidst all these exciting exhibitions, the live cookery demonstration by the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) was the most popular stop for the visitors. There were freshly baked pastries and pizza by the students of CBHTS.

For young Tevita Saumalua of Queen Victoria School, it was an informal chat session with the Assistant Instructor at the Department of Food and Beverage, Jone Koroi Ledua that was most informative.

"Listening about his career experiences is so encouraging for us students. It is these types of talanoa sessions that we need to be able to make the right choice about our future," said Saumalua.

"He even shared with us a history of how some dishes are created. This is something new that I have learnt today."

The Year 12 student said he was eager to go back home, research and learn more about his favourite dishes.

"I love pizza, and it so happens that the Assistant Trainer just demonstrated to us how it is made and I can see it being baked in the oven now."

The Danish pastries and pizzas were shared amongst the students in the booth.

The 17-year-old from Tailevu said witnessing the FNU students do the presentations and demonstrations made him realise that the students are trained in different aspects of the career they have chosen.

"When FNU students explain something to us, it feels like we are listening to teachers with a lot of experience. I want to have that kind of confidence as well."

"They very well know about their programmes and are able to answer our questions in a way where it is easy for us to understand as well," Saumalua added.