



Naivalu keen to upgrade her education through FNU



Mereani Naivalu eager to start her academic journey at Natabua Campus

After teaching Physical Education & Music (PEMAC) for five years, Mereani Naivalu finally decided to deepen her knowledge in the subject matter by enrolling in Bachelor of Education Secondary (PEMAC) programme.

The 32-year-old was amongst more than 500 students who turned up to the Fiji National University’s (FNU) orientation program held at Natabua Campus, Lautoka today.

The former Nasinu Secondary school student said she always had a desire to educate children so they can become model citizens.

“After finishing my studies in creative arts from the Fiji Institute of Technology (FIT) in 2008 I was posted to Vatuvonu Adventist College, Buca Bay to mold the young minds to enhance their creative abilities,” she said.

Naivalu has completed her diploma studies in Physical Education and Music, but believes that she needs to upgrade her qualification, so that one day she can head the PEMAC Department.

“I want to upskill my qualification, so that I can become the head of department for PEMAC. Also I believed with the introduction of the smart phones, it is imperative to instill in young minds the importance of physical activity and generate creative competences,” the Naitasiri native said.

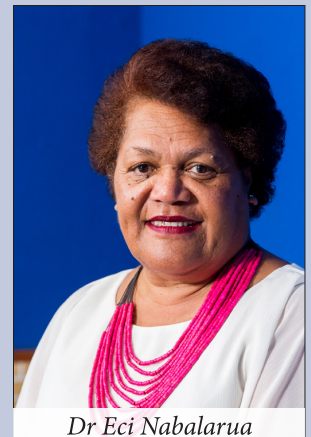
Another reason for Naivalu to upgrade her qualification is to promote physical and mental well-being through dynamic and training program that support development and enhance health and physical health experiences.

“I want to assist children develop physical abilities and healthy habits that can last for the rest of their lives,” she said.

Naivalu has no regrets attending the orientation program, as she is now well versed with the university policies and procedures.

“I am now well acquainted with what is required of me as a student and also where I can get all my queries and clarification answered whilst I am a student here at Natabua campus,” she said.

While welcoming the new students at Natabua Campus, Dean College of Humanities and Education Dr Eci Nabalarua, reminded students to focus on their academic goals.



Dr Eci Nabalarua

“Remember its only three years. Try to focus your time and energy in achieving your goals and aim to graduate in 2021,” said Dean Eci.

The senior academic also stressed to students the importance of upholding morale and ethical values and being respectful to their peers and lecturers.

“Try to respect fellow students, the vanua, the cleaners and everyone you who you come in contact with while studying,” she stressed.

She urged students to use the University resources such as library and free wifi connection to assist them with their studies. Students were also told to approach their lectures for guidance if they faced challenges with their studies.

Classes for the 2019 academic year begin on Monday, 4 February 2019.