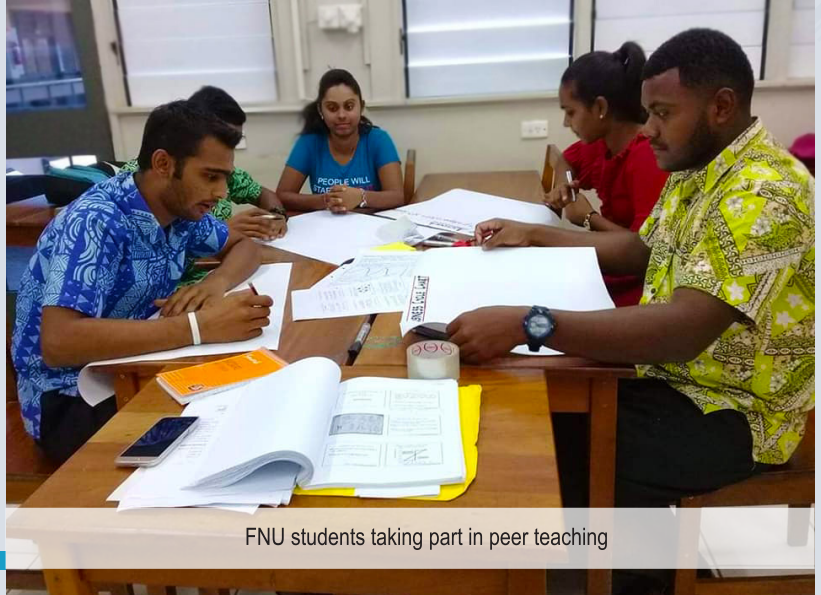


Peer Assisted Learning progressing well at FNU



FNU students taking part in peer teaching

Good news for students who require additional learning support at the Fiji National University (FNU) as they now can reach out to their peers for guidance.

The Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program introduced by the Centre for Learning and Teaching Enhancement, is fast gaining popularity amongst students, especially as it draws closer for assignments and examinations.

Introduced almost eight weeks ago, PAL is a scheme that fosters cross-year support between students on the same programme. It encourages students to support each other and to learn collaboratively under the guidance of trained students called PAL Leaders.

Associate Dean Learning and Teaching Enhancement, Dr Deepak Prasad said the interest of Peer Assisted Learning has grown steadily with more students joining the activity each week.

“PAL sessions allow students to work together and discuss their learning. It does not replace teaching by the staff, but rather offers another opportunity for students to build confidence and

consolidate their learning,” said Dr Prasad.

“Attending PAL has been proven to improve students’ academic performances,” he said.

Dr Prasad added that through the PAL, students can enhance their understanding of the subject matter of their course through collaborative group discussion.

“They share study techniques, expand on discussions from tutorials, review subject readings and lecture notes, discuss key course concepts, prepare for assessments, and get to meet like-minded peers,” he said.

PAL sessions are in progress at Natabua, Ba, Namaka, Tamavua, Nasinu, Nabua, Labasa and Koronivia campuses.

“Students taking EDU560, EDU650, PHY403, PHY505, AGO512, ECN501, MGT501, NUR512 and NUR543 are taking full advantage of this service,” said Dr Prasad.

PAL Leader, a second-year Bachelor of Education in English and Geography student Krishant Swamy said Peer Assisted Learning allows students to prepare better for assessed work and examinations.

“Peer teaching at FNU is an innovative and impeccable service for students and I believe I can bring in new ideas to students. Apart from being a PAL leader, peer teaching also helps me as a student. Through peer teaching, I can upgrade myself and it makes me a more advanced student,” said Swamy.

“The success of PAL is evident as we continue to get positive feedback from students,” he said.

For more information on PAL, please visit <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/new/learner-enhancement/pal>



PAL Leaders pose for a picture with students