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Help at hand to guide families of Year 12 students

A FREE information session about tertiary education will be held for the families of Year 12 students in Swan Hill on Tuesday, July 29.

Murray Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network has brought together representatives of 20 universities, colleges and government departments to help families plan for their teenagers' futures.

MMLLEN Senior Project Officer Sue Grumley said the Beyond Year 12 evening session was designed to give parents, guardians, carers and people who have already left school the opportunity to ask questions.

"Students will get to talk to these people as part of the TIS (Tertiary Information Sessions) tour on Wednesday (July 30), when school group visits are scheduled," Ms Grumley said.

"This session will allow a parent to go along with their child and ask more specific questions relating to their personal circumstances.

"They'll be able to talk one-on-one about things like accommodation, the cost of courses and what cadetships and scholarships are available."

As well as 11 universities, there will be representatives from Sunraysia and Bendigo TAFE, the Melbourne Institute of Business and Technology, Longerenong Agricultural College, Photography Studies College, Regional Development Victoria and Centrelink.

Information also will be available on financial help available through Chances for Children, which provides grants to children and young people from northwest Victoria and far southwest NSW. The grants are designed to help them pursue further education, undertake an apprenticeship, or develop talents in sport or music.

The Beyond Year 12 information session will be held from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at The Grain Shed, King Street, Swan Hill.

For more details, phone MMLLEN acting executive officer Alan Davies or Ms Grumley on (03) 5033 2017.

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