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SAE welcomes Southern Cross University students at new study centre

Today saw two of the region's most well-established, esteemed leaders in higher education come together to help local students achieve their study and career outcomes.

The **Southern Cross University Study Centre** was officially opened at SAE Creative Media Institute's Byron Bay campus, providing SCU students and staff who live in the Byron area with a vibrant space to study and work, and the opportunity to network with peers.

The Southern Cross University Study Centre follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two higher education providers that recognises the shared commitment of SCU and SAE to deliver exceptional teaching and learning experiences and outcomes.

Plans are in place to explore ongoing collaboration in creative media. The partners also aim to convene a strategic roundtable and public forum.

"This type of collaboration demonstrates how public and private education providers can work together to meet the unique needs of regional students," said SAE's Deputy Global CEO, Joseph Anthonyysz.

"We are very pleased to welcome University students and staff to our campus and look forward to working with the University on other exciting projects in the near future."

Southern Cross University Vice Chancellor Professor Adam Shoemaker welcomed this new collaboration with SAE.

"We are delighted to be able to provide our students and staff access to this wonderful space. This region is renowned as a creative hub for learning and artistic endeavor, and we look forward to the new opportunities this collaboration will bring," Professor Shoemaker said.

The opening of the SCU Study Centre was attended by key stakeholders including:

- SCU Vice Chancellor, Professor Adam Shoemaker
- SCU Pro Vice Chancellor (Enterprise), Chris Patton
- SAE Deputy Global CEO, Joseph Anthonyysz
- SAE Southern General Manager, Lee Aitken
- SAE Byron Bay Campus Manager, Bill Wade

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***Note:** please find attached to the email photos of key SCU & SAE stakeholders and SCU students taken at the official opening of the Study Centre.*

For further information or for interview opportunities with key stakeholders please contact:

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About Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a progressive and connected regional research university, with vibrant campuses in two states, New South Wales and Queensland. They are in locations of extraordinary natural beauty and creativity: Coffs Harbour in the Mid North Coast and Lismore in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales. Southern Cross University's fastest-growing campus is uniquely located at the Gold Coast Airport in southern Queensland, overlooking Kirra Beach. Our School of Arts and Social Sciences delivers courses in music, digital media and visual arts, along with creative writing, arts, social science and social welfare. Southern Cross University is an active participant in our communities, embracing community engagement as a collaborative process, creating inspired student learning and innovative research.

About SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE Australia offers Higher Education and VET education opportunities to about 3,000 students, including certificate, diploma and degrees across the following major fields of study; audio, film, games, animation, photography, web & mobile and design. SAE is also one of the world's leading creative media institutes, with 54 campuses in 28 countries. SAE is a part of the Navitas group. Further information about SAE is available at www.sae.edu.au.

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