



## SKYTRANS FLIES TAFE TO COOKTOWN

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Skytrans staff will come under close scrutiny tomorrow (Thursday May 15) as 15 local high school students make a return flight on the airline from Cairns to Cooktown.

Students will observe everything from passenger check-in to on-board service and safety procedures as part of a Flight Crews Attendant Course run cooperatively by TAFE and Skytrans.

Skytrans in-flight services manager Tracey Fisher said the company's involvement was another example of its commitment to the community.

Ms Fisher has been working with the students every Thursday to provide them with very real knowledge of how an airline works.

"The course covers things like the responsible service of alcohol, workplace health and safety and hygiene standards as well as service and standards as set by CASA," she said.

"Actually going on a flight will be very different to being in the classroom environment."

Skytrans will foot the bill for the flight in what is hoped to become an integral part of the course.

"For some, it will be their first time on a plane."

Skytrans' involvement is part of a long-term commitment to training what could be its future workforce. The course is presently the only one of its type in the region and will be open to the public from next term.

"Long-term, there's prospects for the students in terms of us offering employment," Ms Fisher said. "It's also great for us to know there's people up here who have already met the requirements."

"Overall, we hope we can give the students an idea of how it all works and can prepare them for the workforce in standards and expectations."

The students will depart Cairns 7:00am Thursday 15th, and arrive back in Cairns 8.40am the same day.

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