

Student has a uni Headstart

Program targets schoolkids

A HIGH-SCHOOL student from Beachmere has had a head start to university after completing two courses through the University of the Sunshine Coast. Northpine Christian College student Kiah Vescovi, 16, is midway through her second university subject. The university's Headstart program lets Years 11 and 12 students study university-level subjects, earning credit towards their Queensland Certificate of Education and a university degree at the same time.

Kiah, who is in Year 11,

said she jumped at the chance to try university life. "I did a course called Introduction to Behavioural Health last semester and now I'm halfway through Communication and Thought," Kiah said. "Doing these courses helped me in my school assignments and I learnt a lot about working independently and setting goals. "I was a little intimidated by the idea of being a high-school student in a university lecture theatre, but everyone in my class was there for the same reason."



Year 11 student Kiah Vescovi has already started earning credits for a uni degree.

Jane Ison's ancestors to meet up

DESCENDANTS of Jane Ison will converge on Pine Rivers Park at Strathpine this weekend for one of the extended family's reunions.

Jane, a convict sent to Australia in 1794, had 10 children and now her many descendants are scattered over wide areas of NSW and Queensland.

Great great great granddaughter Meg Naylor said the first reunion was held in Brisbane in 1994 to mark the 200th anniversary of Jane Ison's arrival in Australia and between 400 and 500 people attended.

Reunions have been held every two or three years since.

"It takes a lot of time and energy to organise," Mrs Naylor said.

Mrs Naylor added that Sunday's event would be a bring-your-own picnic and people would relate stories from their research into the family.

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