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### **CNC reveals colours of inclusiveness for Pride Month**

PRINCE GEORGE – In celebration of Pride Month, the College of New Caledonia (CNC) revealed colours of inclusiveness with the unveiling of a rainbow crosswalk at its Prince George campus June 22.

“Inclusive campuses are healthy campuses,” said Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. “The new rainbow crossing at the College of New Caledonia sends a strong message to students, staff, faculty and visitors that everyone is welcome, that they belong and that they are safe.”

The rainbow crosswalk, which stands as symbol of acceptance and inclusivity aimed at LGBTQ communities in cities around the world, is located at the campus’ main entrance and is the first of any northern BC post-secondary institution.

“CNC is an inclusive institution welcoming all people,” said Alyson Gourley-Cramer, Executive Director Communications at CNC. “We are proud to have this rainbow crosswalk as a representation of the values of inclusivity and diversity CNC upholds.”

The CNC Students’ Union (CNCSU) has worked towards building an accepting environment for everyone in collaboration with the BC Federation of Students through their Unlearn campaign.

CNCSU Student Representative Michelle Frechette said she is pleased to see the College add a rainbow crosswalk to its Prince George campus.

“This rainbow walk is a visual representation of the vastly diverse community of students that attend CNC,” she said. “We are excited for the walk to brighten up our campus and show all who come what the College stands for.”

The Prince George Pride society expressed happiness to be part of a community that celebrates diversity and welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

“Times are changing and it is encouraging to see our post-secondary institutions embracing this,” said Susan Trabant, Prince George Pride Society Executive. “The rainbow crosswalks symbolize the inclusion that CNC and Prince George deem as a vital part of our community. Thank you to the College of New Caledonia for progressively putting forth the resources for such a beautiful symbol of inclusion.”

CNC will also be flying the pride flag at the week of July 7, 2018, to coincide with Pride Week in Prince George.

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