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AS JAMES Cook University deals with backlash from proposed cutbacks at its Cairns campus, its Far North rival plans to grow student numbers.

Central Queensland University said it would increase its Cairns international student population by introducing new courses in higher education growth areas.

Central Queensland University Associate Vice-Chancellor for Cairns and Far North Queensland Jodie Duignan-George said it was implementing plans to “join in the nationwide flowering of international enrolments”.

Ms Duignan-George said international student growth in the Far North would come from recently approved new course offerings like engineering and aviation.

Regional scholarships were already in place to draw international students away from big city campuses.

CQU is sponsoring Queensland International Education and Training Summit in Cairns in June, which is expected to draw hundreds of education professionals, students and industry leaders here for a taste of the tropics.

This tale of two universities comes after Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham announced a 12 per cent increase in international student numbers enrolling for Australian higher education in the year to February.
HITTING THE BOOKS: CQUniversity student Rhanee Casillano from the Philippines is studying for her masters degree in sustainable tourism management at the Cairns campus.