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## Summer science a hot favourite with students

Thirty Year 9 and 10 students from 10 different schools around Tasmania will take part in science activities, lab experiments and tours of research centres as part of the annual Science Experience this week in Launceston (**28-30 January**).

“The aim of the Science Experience program is to give students who have an interest in science an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of university researchers,” UTAS program co-ordinator Adele Wilson said.

Students will be working in the lab to create plastics and the ever-popular slime, checking the use of eyewitness memory in solving crimes, discovering the latest advances in virtual reality, learning about human physiology, investigating fish anatomy, and going behind the scenes at the School of Architecture and Design.

They will also carry out environmental field work at the Tamar Islands Wetlands Reserve.

“The three-day program also provides information about careers in science, engineering and technology and encourages students to continue their studies in these areas,” Ms Wilson said.

Based on feedback from past Science Experience programs at UTAS, around 90 per cent of students who take part indicated that as a result of their participation they were more motivated to pursue science at a senior secondary level.

The annual Science Experience program is supported by the Science Schools Foundation, the Australian Science Teachers Association, Rotary, ConocoPhillips Australia and universities around the country. In addition, some students are sponsored to attend by their local MP.

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