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School holiday fun and learning for students on Tasmania's West Coast

Children on Tasmania's West Coast will be engaging in fun STEM activities during the school holiday period.

The students from Zeehan Primary, Strahan Primary, St Joseph's Catholic School Queenstown and Mountain Heights are among the newest members of Children's University Tasmania.

A Peter Underwood Centre program, Children's University Tasmania is now offered in 42 schools. It was launched on the West Coast this year.

Peter Underwood Centre director, Professor Natalie Brown, said the response from West Coast families to the program had been fantastic.

"In a matter of weeks 112 West Coast students have joined Children's University Tasmania," Professor Brown said.

"But we are not surprised because West Coasters have been very supportive since we first raised the prospect of refining a community model for our programs in the region.

"The Peter Underwood Centre is thrilled to be able to offer West Coast children a quality learning experience these school holidays."

The school holiday activities will be delivered by five members of the STEM Outreach Team from the College of Sciences and Engineering at the University of Tasmania.

The team, which includes three students, will be visiting Strahan and Zeehan on Wednesday (10 July) and Queenstown on Thursday (11 July).

STEM Outreach Team manager Susie Haley said the team was looking forward to engaging with the Children's University participants and spending some time on the beautiful West Coast.

"We will be having fun designing and building bionic hands and electric-powered cars," Mrs Haley said.

Children's University Tasmania helps to develop children into adaptable, lifelong learners and builds bridges to employment and higher education by connecting them to a diverse range of learning experiences outside of school hours.

The delivery of school holiday activities on the West Coast is sponsored by the Queenstown and Districts Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank.

Photo/filming opportunity (WEDNESDAY, July 10):

Who: Children's University Tasmania participants and members of the STEM Outreach team;

When: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm;

Where: Zeehan Primary School, Activity Hall.

Photo/ filming opportunity (THURSDAY, July 11):

Who: Children's University Tasmania participants and members of the STEM Outreach team;

When: 11 am-12:30 pm;

Where: West Coast Council Chambers, Queenstown.

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