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## Brain teasers test Tasmanian students

Eight schools will race each other to build a rescue helicopter, design a house that can withstand cyclones and crack electronic encryptions in the state finals of the Science and Engineering Challenge in Hobart today.

The Challenge involves teams of Year 9 and 10 students racing each other to complete fun tasks involving principles of science, engineering and technology. The winner will represent Tasmania at the national final in Bendigo in October.

Teams competing for a chance to represent Tasmania are from Exeter High School, Riverside High School, Calvin Christian School, Tarooma High School, St Michael's Collegiate School, Mount Carmel College, Launceston Christian School, and Reece High School.

The Challenge program is highly regarded as a means of promoting career opportunities in science and engineering. The Challenge was awarded an Engineering Excellence Award in 2003 and has been recognised by the International Institute of Physics based in London.

The Science and Engineering Challenge is conducted by the University of Newcastle, and presented with the help of UTAS, the Department of Education, Rotary and Engineers Australia.

### Photo and interview opportunities

**WHEN:** 1pm-3pm on Wednesday, 12 August, 2009

**WHERE:** Moonah Sports Centre, 17 Gormanston Road, Moonah.

**WHO:** Year 9 and 10 students competing against one another in science and engineering tasks.

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