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Local school students create their own robot for comp

Today is Valentine's Day and a group of local students will show their love of science as they put the finishing touches on their very own robot.

Around 20 local high school students have spent their summer holidays working with University of Tasmania staff and students to create a robot to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC).

The team has spent the past six weeks designing, building and programming the robot with local volunteer mentors, organised by University of Tasmania ICT PhD student David Chung, Associate Professor Byeong Kang and robotics teacher Rob Torok from Claremont College.

This weekend the robot will receive its finishing touches before being transported to Sydney to compete in the FRC Australian Regional Final.

The University's FRC team, named 'Remotely Challenged', is now fundraising and seeking local supporters to help with transporting the robot and the teams 'robot-handlers' to Sydney for the competition.

To find out more about the FRC Competition, please visit: <http://firstaustralia.org/> The Tasmanian FRC team has a [website](#), a [Facebook page](#) and a twitter account, [@FRC5593](#).

Those interested in being involved in future FIRST Robotics Competitions as a student, mentor or supporter, are welcome to attend the University's 'Remotely Challenged' FRC Robot Launch Party, in the University of Tasmania Maths Building (ground floor) on Monday 16 February from 5-6pm.

Campus maps: <http://www.utas.edu.au/campuses/campus-maps/hobart>

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