

## Media Release

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## Top young science and engineering students to face national opponents

After taking out the competition in the Tasmanian Science and Engineering Challenge earlier this year, Launceston Christian School will now face its newest rivals at the National Final in Newcastle.

Starting tomorrow (**Friday, 30 October**), eight of the top secondary schools from across Australia will compete against one another, participating in a range of hands on activities that are designed to demonstrate the varied and practical elements of a career in the disciplines of science and engineering.

Tasmanian State Co-coordinator, Susie Haley, from the University of Tasmania's Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology, said the event is about igniting students' interest in further study.

"It's wonderful to see the students develop their skills while at the same time enjoying themselves – we hope this increases their interest in science and engineering as options for study at a higher level into the future, and maybe even as their chosen future career."

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide outreach program led by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with various partners and sponsors, including the University of Tasmania.

In 2015, more than 679 schools took part nationally, hoping to inspire high school students in years 9 and 10 to consider further study in Science and Engineering.

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