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Science Investigation Awards at Cradle Coast Campus

The Cradle Coast region's best and brightest science students will be presenting their projects **tomorrow (Thursday 6 September)** at the 2012 Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE) Science Investigation Awards.

Around 400 students from the North West will be presenting more than 200 separate science projects at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus, Mooreville Road, Burnie from 10am until 1pm.

The Awards will be presented at a ceremony on campus from 7-8pm tomorrow evening.

In attendance at the awards evening will be the Hon Sid Sidebottom MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; selected Members of Parliament including Senators Anne Urquhart and Steven Parry; school Principals from SIA entry schools; and many of the financial supporters of the PICSE Science Investigation Awards, including Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and the Rotary Club of Latrobe.

PICSE Science Education Officer, Kelly Spence, said the Science Investigation Awards have been running for more than eight years in Tasmania at the three UTAS campuses.

"The Science Investigation Awards are a terrific way for students to investigate an idea that they are interested in and present their findings.

"From the diversity of entries, you can see what inspires students and how they see themselves contributing to the world," Ms Spence said.

Prizes include \$500 for the Best Project in each year group, with other place prizes, along with a \$50 for the People's Choice Award where student participants pick their favourite project in each year.

The Awards are run by PICSE, hosted at UTAS and supported by the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and a range of local prize donors from the region.

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