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Adventurous science

UTAS is helping take science out of the laboratory into the field of adventure by supporting the 8in8in8 challenge.

Tasmanian teacher and adventurer Andrew Hughes will attempt to scale the highest peak in each Australian state and territory in just eight months, using only cycling, paddling and walking power.

Each day his progress will be charted on the adventure learning website where students from around Australia can participate online.

The Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology is a key sponsor of the project will assist with promotion to schools and the general public through newsletter articles and updates.

Faculty marketing and communications officer Jeannie-Marie LeRoi said this project was a great opportunity to prove science was fun, exciting and not just about white coats and microscopes.

“The opportunities for science students these days are immense. This project is a great way to show school students the opportunities they have further down the track in science,” she said.

Mr Hughes’ last adventure, paddling around Papua New Guinea, was also an educational opportunity for school students through his website. He said it opened the eyes of students.

“A healthy dose of real world experiences, in an educational sense, can do wonders for student engagement. Having a window from the classroom straight into outback Australia, or the top of Mount Whatever can show kids the connections between what they learn and the experiences of others,” Mr Hughes said.

Mr Hughes will leave from Campbell St Primary on March 10.

Teachers are invited to follow the journey and get their students involved in this free online learning environment. The expedition is supported by Australian Geographic, UTAS SET, Solution paddles, NU Energy and Webmistress.

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