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The Science of Summer School Holidays

SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE 2008

Instead of hitting the water this Summer, secondary school students from around northern Tasmania are learning about it.

Thirty Grade Ten students from a range of schools will descend on the University of Tasmania from tomorrow (Tuesday) to take part in the Siemens Science Experience, a three-day program which inspires students about the fascinating world of science.

Students will test water quality, check fish health, learn about quarantine issues, discover medical laboratory techniques, and visit state of the art facilities at the Australian Maritime College, an Institute of the University of Tasmania, as just some examples of the many activities happening during the three days.

Now in its 18th year, the Siemens Science Experience has influenced more than 50,000 Australian high school students to enter higher education courses. The program is sponsored by Siemens and supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association, Rotary and universities around the country.

***Potential photo opportunities are listed below.**

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Photo opportunities:

Launceston campus

Tuesday 22 January.

9.15am – 12 noon: Chemistry Lab, Science Building – different processes used in analytical and industrial chemistry. Hands-on activities in chemistry laboratories.

Wednesday 23 January.

9.00am – 12 noon: Environmental Science, Science Building – assessing water quality by physical, biological & chemical indicators. Hands-on activities, including testing at local creek.

12.30 – 1pm: Australian Quarantine Inspection Service visit with quarantine dog demonstration. Science Building.

1pm – 4pm: Aquaculture, Science Building - learning about fish health including a hands-on lab test. Activities in labs and Aquaculture Centre.

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