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## **Big questions of life answered at Uni taster day**

Why can't I bury Grandpa in the backyard? Must you really come from Planet Krypton to have x-ray vision? Which cell structures powered the riders in the Tour de France?

These big life questions and more will be answered for 55 students from across Tasmania at the School of Human Life Science Taster Day **TOMORROW** (Friday 28 August).

Professor Madeleine Ball said six rolling workshops will be held throughout the day to give Year 10, 11 and 12 students interested in health science an opportunity to find out more about the five Bachelor degrees offered by UTAS in Launceston and future careerpaths.

“The workshops will be run by academic staff teaching in our five degree courses, with a focus on hands-on activities done in the courses,” she said.

Workshops will be run in:

- Biomedical science
- Health / Nutrition
- Exercise science
- Medical imaging
- Cell Biology
- Environmental health

The students attending applied individually to attend the Taster Day.

*Media are invited to attend Taster Day sessions. See information below.*

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For film footage or photographs the best workshop sessions are:

- **11.15am– 12.15 & 2.15pm -3.15pm: Environmental health**

For students interested in becoming environmental health officers with local government and large businesses. They will learn why they can't bury Grandpa in the back yard and why a water hole that looks clean isn't necessarily so.

Students will prepare contaminated water for testing. –

*Human Life Sciences building, ground floor, room C140.*

- **11.15am – 12.15pm & 1pm-2pm: Cell biology**

For students interested in most health science – related careers. They will learn about cells as the body's police force, secret assassins and programmes cell death – as well as what powered riders in the Tour de France. Students will identify cells using microscopes. - *Human Life Science building, ground floor, room C142.*

- **11.15am – 12.15 & 1pm-2pm: Medical imaging**

For students interested in a career as a radiographer – and not necessarily from planet Krypton! Students will work with an x-ray machine. – *Human Life Science building, inquire at front office for room location.*

- **10am – 11am & 1pm – 2pm: Exercise Science**

For students who want to be sports scientists, a career where Australia leads the world! Students will get physical as they undertake the 'Exercise Science Olympiad', learning about testing for health and sporting performance. – *Human Movement building, room G127.*

***For assistance with finding workshop locations please contact Sharon Webb, ph. 0438 510616,***