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Secondary students get their hands on agricultural science

Aspiring young scientists will converge on UTAS this week to take part in hands-on science activities and learn about the range of career choices available in the field of agricultural science.

The UTAS School of Agricultural Science will host 160 year 11 and 12 students from Southern Tasmania on Thursday and Friday this week for its Taste of Agricultural Science event.

Student activities include measuring sugar in wine, tasting the difference between grass and grain-fed beef and learning about food safety.

As well as local students, a group of Victorian senior secondary students will fly in to find out more about the UTAS Agricultural Science program.

Dr Peter Lane, Head of the School Agricultural Science at UTAS, said Australia's agricultural industry offers exciting career prospects, with two to three jobs available for every graduate.

“With future challenges such as food supply, climate change, water management, and the energy crisis, agriculture needs the best-educated graduates to tackle these issues.

“The career choices range from research scientists, agribusiness consultants and property managers through to finance advisers and natural resource managers,” Dr Lane said.

The Taste of Agricultural Science will also be open to the public 11am – 2pm on Sunday 24 August as part of the University's Info Day.

Photo opportunities of student activities, UTAS Sandy Bay campus

Thursday: Life Sciences lecture theatre one, 12pm-12.50pm and 2-3pm

Friday: Life Sciences lecture theatre three, 9.30am-10.30am and 11.30am-12.30pm

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