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Agricultural industries to be visited by scientists of tomorrow

Some of the North-West Coast's most innovative and vital agricultural industries will go under the microscope this week as part of the annual Grade 10 Science Camp.

About 25 science students from across the region will discover first-hand how science plays a role in various coastal industries, including tomato production and protecting the threatened freshwater lobster.

"The aim of the camp is to give students a broad range of experiences in the science industry," UTAS School of Agricultural Science Education Officer Paul O'Halloran said.

Students from high schools including King Island and Rosebery will attend the three-day camp in Ulverstone, which begins today (Wednesday, May 21).

Along with visiting local industries, students will participate in various science-based activities, learn about current research and meet with industry professionals.

"Students at this stage of their education are looking at career options and it is crucial to offer them opportunities to explore pathways," Mr O'Halloran said.

"At the camp, students discover for themselves how science plays a role in the 'real world' and the many career opportunities available in agricultural science."

The camp is organised by the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE), based at the School of Agricultural Science, UTAS Cradle Coast campus.

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