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Summer Science for Schoolkids
SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE 2007

Instead of hitting the mall this summer, some high-schoolers are hitting the microscopes.

Eighty grade-nine students from thirty different schools will descend on the University of Tasmania next week to take part in the Siemens Science Experience a three-day program which inspires students about the fascinating world of science.

Students will be using honey as forensic tool, looking at the micro-textures of rocks under the microscope, learning about predicting earthquakes, measuring rock lobsters and handling marine pests, using computers to create movie animations and studying the stars at the UTAS radiotelescope facility.

Now in its 17th year, the Siemens Science Experience has influenced over 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.

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Photo Opportunities:
Hobart campus 16-18 January
Tuesday 16 Jan
10.00 - 10.30am Zoology Lab
Measuring rock lobsters and handling (live!) marine pests

Tuesday 16 Jan
11.30 - 12.30pm Plant Science Lab
Using pollen as a fingerprint to investigate different types of honey
2.00 - 3.00pm Chemistry lab
Making slime, growing crystals and separating mixtures

Wednesday 17 Jan
10.00 - 10.30am Earth Sciences building
Testing seismographs and using microscopes to look at multi-coloured rock structures
12.30 - 1.00 pm Engineering workshops
Students have to build a device to drop an egg the greatest height without breaking it!

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