North-West students set to experience the working world of science

A group of Year 9 North-West Coast science students are set to experience the working world of science in the workplace this week.

Students from across the Coast are taking part in a Year 9 Science Camp, designed to provide a window to industry by linking high school students with real-life learning experiences.

As part of the camp, which begins today (Wednesday, October 15) and runs until Friday, students will also explore climate change issues through practical investigations including a mud flat study and carbon monitoring exercise.

“The camp aims to illustrate the relevance behind science the students have been studying by visiting various agricultural industries,” UTAS School of Agricultural Science education officer Paul O’Halloran said.

“They will learn how science plays a vital role in the operation of these industries.

“For example, students will experience for themselves how technology is used in the dairy industry, from milk production to packaging.”

Camp activities include:
- Investigating the amount of carbon stored in a typical rainforest in the Tarkine Rainforest;
- Observing a large chicken hatchery and hen management operation, and sustainable farming practices at Nichols Poultry
- Looking at how GIS/GPS systems help to make beef production more efficient; and
- Exploring air monitoring systems and alternative energy at Cape Grim Baseline Air Pollution Station and Wind Farm.

The camp is organised by the UTAS School of Agricultural Science, in partnership with Van Diemen’s Land Company.

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