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ASMR MEDALIST 2014 – PROFESSOR DAVID SINCLAIR ANTI-AGEING HERO RETURNS TO HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Professor David Sinclair, touring Australia for ASMR Medical Research Week®, will today return to St Ives High School to meet with staff and students.

Sinclair is a world-renowned scientist, a Professor at Harvard, an entrepreneur who has co-founded several biotechnology companies and, according to TIME Magazine, one of the top 100 most influential people in the world!

He has led landmark work to develop a new class of anti-ageing drugs, which could ultimately prevent cancer, Alzheimer's disease and type 2 diabetes. This breakthrough research was outlined in an article published in the prestigious journal *Science* on 8 March 2013.

Professor Sinclair earned his HSC at St Ives High School and will be sharing some words of wisdom about being willing to chase a dream and never give up. Sinclair has faced considerable adversity in pushing forward the frontiers of medical research, overcoming constant scepticism to bring his ideas on longevity and healthy ageing into the mainstream.

David is a true believer in the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." He will be telling students about his passion for research and a drug which can slow down the ageing process!

St Ives High School Principal Mark Watson believes Sinclair's visit will inspire his students to 'dream big', and realise that anything is possible with hard work and perseverance.

News Editors/Chiefs of Staff, please note:

WHAT: St Ives High School

WHEN: 1pm, Tuesday 3rd June 2014

WHERE: Yarrabung Rd, St Ives.

WHO: ASMR Medallist 2014, Professor David Sinclair

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Professor Sinclair is key-note speaker at the ASMR Medical Research Week® Gala Dinner, The Star Room Level 6, The Imax Theatre Complex, Darling Harbour, 7:30pm June 3