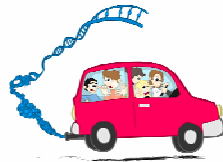




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Wheelin' out science

YOUNG RESEARCHERS CAPTIVATE STUDENTS WITH CSI-SCIENCE

They don't want to reinvent the wheel, but invention's definitely on the agenda.

As Australian secondary students contemplate the numerous opportunities at their feet and choices of careers, seven young scientists will spark fresh enthusiasm and interest in a career in health and medical research by bringing crime scene investigation to the class room. The young researchers will also de-bunk the theory and image of the 'mad scientist' in a lab coat.

From the 7th-11th of May, young research scientists from the Australian Society of Medical Research (ASMR) will visit several secondary schools including; Findon, Woodville, Parafield Gardens, Paralowie and Smithfield Plains High Schools to engage stories of 'real life' science.

Students will be encouraged to consider an exciting career in health and medical research and given the opportunity to ask questions about pursuing careers in science. The topics covered range from; the day to day work of a research scientist, to practicalities such as applying for university courses.

These young researchers will reinspire students by providing a 'hands on' experience of forensic DNA techniques as seen in many popular television shows.

The students will delve into the world of FORENSIC SCIENCE for the day, obtaining DNA from a simulated crime scene to determine "Who done it?"

Following the roaring success of the outreach program last year, this years co-ordinator, Cadence Minge's comments on her experience;"The visits were exciting and thoroughly enjoyed by students, teachers and presenters. The students were intrigued and inspired by the 'hands on' experience of forensic science"

If you would like to arrange an interview or film footage please contact Kylie Dunning, education outreach program or Karissa Phillis, PR officer. **For scientists profiles and photos please visit the ASMR website** <http://www.asmr.org.au/media/index.html>

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