



THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

A nationwide STEM outreach
program for year 9 and 10
students in 2026



Program	Date
Northern Territory	
Charles Darwin University, Casuarina (3 day program)	2nd–4th June 2026
New South Wales	
Macquarie University, Sydney (3 day program)	30th September–2nd October 2026
University of New England, Armidale (3 day program)	18th–20th January 2027
Queensland	
Griffith University, Gold Coast (3 day program)	30th June–2nd July 2026
Combined Brisbane program UQ, QUT, Griffith Nathan (3 day program)	19th–21st January 2027
CQUniversity, Gladstone (1 day program)	14th or 15th or 16th April 2026
South Australia	
Adelaide University Mawson Lakes (3 day program)	24th–26th November 2026
Adelaide University, Whyalla (1 day program)	19th June 2026
Adelaide University, Mount Gambier (1 day program)	4th or 5th or 6th August 2026
Flinders University, Adelaide (3 day program)	17th–19th November 2026
Victoria	
RMIT University, Melbourne (3 day program)	19th–21st January 2027
University of Melbourne, Parkville (3 day program)	31st March–2nd April 2027
University of Melbourne, Dookie (3 day program)	25th–27th November 2026
KIOSC, Wantirna (1 day program)	17th September 2026

Cost: 1 day program is \$90 per student, 3 day program is \$250 per student.



Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University, Casuarina

(3 day program) 2nd–4th June 2026

Charles Darwin University welcomes Year 9 students from across the Northern Territory to take part in an immersive three-day Science Experience.

This exciting program is designed to spark curiosity and inspire young minds through hands-on STEM activities, while showcasing the wide range of study, career and employment opportunities available right here in the NT. Students will explore interactive learning experiences across key study areas including Health, Environmental Science, Engineering and Information Technology.

A highlight of the program is the **'Amazing Science Race'**, hosted at the Berrimah Farm Science Precinct, where students will work in teams to tackle fun, fast-paced science challenges.

Registrations open for school groups on Monday, 2nd March 2026.

Students are encouraged to speak with their school Science Coordinator to register their interest.

Places are limited to **100 students**, with registrations closing **Thursday, 30th April 2026.**



New South Wales

Macquarie University, Sydney (3 day program) 30th September–2nd October 2026

Meet passionate scientists at our career speed dating. Get hands-on with science, technology, engineering and mathematics at our expo. Participate in a chemistry magic show. Learn more about our solar system and the world beyond earth. Explore the world of Indigenous science and sustainable use of natural resources, and much much more!

University of New England, Armidale (3 day program) 18th–20th January 2027

The University of New England (UNE) welcomes students going into Years 10 & 11 in 2027 with a passion and interest in science to join us for three fun-filled days of hands-on science activities on our Armidale campus, in the heart of the NSW New England. You will immerse yourself in a world of science, see our scientific facilities, learn from leading scientists and participate in workshops in diverse areas such as chemistry, neuroscience, biomedical science, coding, meat & animal science, soil science, agriculture and more. We will also host a career panel and discussion to help you clarify your thoughts on pursuing science at a University level and into the future. Students will be able to stay in one of UNE's colleges on campus and take in the full university experience. Accommodation and meals will be an additional cost if required.

Queensland

Griffith University, Gold Coast (3 day program) 30th June–2nd July 2026

Are you curious about the wonders of science and technology? Join us for an unforgettable Science Experience, where you'll dive into hands-on activities guided by scientists, engineers, and health professionals who love what they do. Explore a variety of fascinating topics, ignite your creativity, and see how science shapes the world around us. Whether you're dreaming of a career in STEM or simply love discovering how things work, this is your chance to uncover new possibilities and take your curiosity to the next level!

Combined Brisbane program (3 days) 19th–21st January 2027

Day One; QUT Day two Griffith University, Nathan Day three UQ

Treble your science experience by attending three of the largest universities in Queensland during the three days. Visit QUT, UQ and Griffith-Nathan. You will tour scientific facilities, hear from some of Queensland's leading scientists, participate in hands-on workshops, explore science based careers. Areas covered include forensic and biological science, chemistry, physics, mathematics, astronomy, environmental sciences and engineering.



CQUniversity, Gladstone (1Day)

14th or 15th or 16th April 2026

Year 9 & 10 students; want to spend a day exploring hands-on science and tech challenges that get you thinking differently? At CQU Science Experience 2026, you'll build, test, code and discover what STEM Central at CQU in Gladstone is all about. Try new experiments. Solve problems. Get inspired. Lunch provided.

South Australia

Flinders University, Adelaide (3 day program)

17th–19th November 2026

Flinders University welcomes the Science Experience students to three days of interactive STEM activities on campus.

The program consists of hands-on workshops in our university classrooms, research insights by academic staff as well as a fun activities such as quizzes and challenges. Regional student groups have the opportunity to stay in local accommodation for the duration of the event.

Adelaide University, Mawson Lakes (3 day program)

24th–26th November 2026

Explore real world STEM skills in a three-day immersive hands-on program at Adelaide University. Learn about aerodynamics and the use of flight simulators, explore the night sky in our planetarium and visit virtual worlds in VR. Create prototypes using 3D printing and the engineering design process and build an electronics kit from the ground up as you learn about components, circuitry, and coding. Dive into geospatial science applications and water quality testing, but most importantly connect with other students who are just as passionate about science, technology, engineering and mathematics as you are.

Adelaide University, Mount Gambier (1 day program)

4th or 5th or 6th August 2026

At the Adelaide University, Mt Gambier Campus students in year 9 and/or 10 will spend the day learning about real world applications of STEM in the forestry industry. They will be creating their own electronics kit, using gel electrophoresis and investigate material properties while designing prototypes within set parameters. The underlying emphasis is to encourage STEM skills and careers in the local forestry industry, and to build peer networks with like-minded STEM students.

Adelaide University, Australia, Whyalla (1 day program) **19th June 2026**

The Adelaide University, Whyalla Campus, will be hosting students in year 9 and/or 10 for a full day of hands-on STEM learning. The students will be coding using Arduino, using gel electrophoresis to solve cold cases, investigating material properties and designing prototypes within set parameters.



Victoria

RMIT University, Melbourne (3 day program)

19th–21st January 2027

Join us for an incredibly interactive 3-day STEM experience at RMIT University! Over the course of the program, you'll have the opportunity to explore the range of STEM disciplines that RMIT has to offer, including Health & Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, Physical Sciences, Technology and Virtual Experiences. Led by RMIT students and academics, you'll work within teams to collaborate, learn and solve real-world problems using STEM principles.

Our RMIT Student Ambassadors will be your guide, giving you a chance to ask questions and get personal insights into STEM career paths and university life. You'll also get the chance to engage with industry representatives, giving you further insights into the diverse STEM careers available to you and enhancing your network.

The RMIT University Science Experience will engage, build curiosity and inspire the STEM superstar in you to explore career paths in STEM, make like-minded new friends, and see what university is all about in an innovative, supportive and safe environment.

KIOSC, Wantirna (1 day program)

17th September 2026

Forensic Science: In order to solve a case homicide case, students investigate the evidence that could lead to a conclusion. Students examine physical evidence from the crime scene, such as fingerprints and crime scene virtual reality (VR) photos. They interview suspects and identify their whereabouts on the day in question. This includes: VR 360 crime scene photos, fingerprint recovery, suspect interviews and alibi research. **Biometrics** – This entails electrophoresis, blood typing, polygraph, fingerprinting and more.

University of Melbourne, Parkville (3 day program)

31st March–2nd April 2027

Students will get to experience university life with lectures, laboratory experiments and hands-on experiences run by our top researchers and scientists, all whilst exploring our world-class facilities. Exploring the secrets of the universe with the physics show. Extracting DNA from strawberries and examining the science of inheritance. Studying ancient fossils and minerals in an introduction to Earth Sciences. Discovering how and why our weather systems form. Testing what chemicals go bang and why? Taste testing indigenous foods & exploring ways they can solve the world's food crisis. Exploring how mathematics plays key roles in our lives but hides right under our noses. Touring the Harry Brooks Allen Museum of Anatomy and Pathology. Discovering the intersection of art and science at the Science Gallery.

University of Melbourne, Dookie (3 day program)

25th–27th November 2026

Dookie campus is a working farm – a centre of agricultural research and teaching. You will join scientists and agricultural student mentors in hands-on activities in the laboratory and paddock investigating real world issues. Activities include biodiversity, sheep science, plant science, protein content of milk, cheese making and robotic dairy. Accommodation is available if required at an extra cost.



Who We Represent



The Science Experience is a STEM outreach program established, managed and conducted by the The Science Schools Foundation Incorporated an independent non-profit association of educationalists, Rotarians and industrialists.

Our supporters



Rotary Clubs

- sponsor many students to attend,
- promotes the program to schools,



Young Scientist of Australia (YSA)

several hundred YSA members voluntarily assist the universities and tertiary institutions in conducting the program



Australian Science Teacher Association (ASTA)

promotes the program to schools and teacher members

Universities and Tertiary Institutions

- organize and conduct the programs on their campuses
- provide a director and presenters
- provide laboratories and other resources

How do I enrol?

Apply online at www.scienceexperience.com.au

or email your completed application form to admin@scienceexperience.com.au

or send your completed application form to:

The Science Experience PO Box 158, Monbulk, Vic 3793

Registration Fees

1 day program \$90 (includes GST)

3 day program \$250 (includes GST)

- *please note these fees do not cover any transport, meals or accommodation costs*
- *refunds are available (minus \$40 administration fee) until 4 weeks before a particular program commences.*

Further information available from admin@scienceexperience.com.au

www.scienceexperience.com.au or (03) 9756 7534

Applications are accepted immediately online at any time.

Student Application Form

Name: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Student's email: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ Suburb/Postcode: _____

Parent's mobile: _____

Student's mobile: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Sex M / F / NB (please circle)

School: _____

Phone: _____

Suburb/Postcode: _____

Year Level in 2026: ____ Name of Science Teacher: _____

Choice of program:

First: _____

Second: _____

PAYMENT METHOD BY CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD included with this application

1 day program \$90 or 3 day program \$250 all inc GST.

A) Cheque/Money order made payable to The Science Experience B) Credit Card

Card No: _____ ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Expiry Date ____ / ____ Amount: \$ _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Rotary Sponsorship if applicable (an invoice will be provided to the Rotary club)

Rotary representative to complete the below information

The Rotary Club of: _____

This club will offer financial sponsorship to the amount of: \$ _____

Student contribution (if applicable): \$ _____

Rotary member's name: _____

Contact address: _____

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Phone number: _____

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