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Scitech Takes Biology Roadshow to Kalgoorlie

From looking for clues left behind by animals to growing microorganisms collected on the school ground, 15 primary schools across the Kalgoorlie region will get valuable hands-on experience during Scitech's 'Primary Science Tour' from 4 June – 3 July.

The tour brings biology shows and workshops to primary school students living in regional Western Australia and aims to increase student interest and participation in science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM). Scitech is committed to bringing STEM skills and experiences to regional and remote communities.

In 2018, Scitech visited 493 schools and travelled 112,000 kilometres across Western Australia to bring STEM engagement and inspiration to all corners of WA.

With a partnership spanning more than 15 years, Scitech and Rio Tinto developed the 'Primary Science Tour' program in response to an ever-changing world and the need for all Western Australians to have access to the development of vital STEM skills.

Ms Deb Banning, Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said "The world continues to change at an increasing rate, and the skills needed for our future workforce are also changing. The 'Primary Science Tour' is part of Scitech's ongoing commitment to regional WA and the need to support all Western Australians to be part of a STEM-literate workforce that is required to continue to strengthen our State's economic and social future."

"Through our regional touring programs such as the 'Primary Science Tour,' we are facilitating long-term engagement and STEM capability development for a future workforce that will be equipped with the skills required for future jobs."

Covering a range of biological sciences, the tour's 'Party Animals' sessions cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 3, with student scientists looking for clues and exploring the features of different animals. 'Nature's Ninjas' sessions are aimed at Years 4 – 6 and encourages students to explore the skills used by a variety of amazing living things to survive in their environment.

Scitech's 'Primary Science Tour' will be travelling to East Kalgoorlie Primary School, Boulder Primary School, O'Connor Primary School, South Kalgoorlie Primary School, Saint Mary's Primary School, Coolgardie Primary School, North Kalgoorlie Primary School, St Joseph's School, Kalgoorlie Primary School, CAPS Kurrawang, Kambalda Primary School, Goldfields Baptist College, Leinster Community School, Menzies Community School and Kalgoorlie School of the Air.