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Science Café takes orders for STEM careers

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers were on the menu for 288 year 10 students from Perth and Bunbury at Science Café on Thursday, 29 August.

This networking event at the University of Western Australia gave students the opportunity to engage directly with over 80 STEM professionals representing a vast field of expertise from galactic gas morphology to sleep science.

Over morning and afternoon tea, students discussed one-on-one with representatives from universities, government and industry to get a deeper understanding of STEM careers and pathways.

They also spoke with STEM undergraduate students to learn about university life and pathways into tertiary education.

The key note speech was provided by Dr. Paola Magni, a forensic entomologist and terrestrial and aquatic crime scene expert from Murdoch University.

Kalieu Selby, Acting Chief Executive Officer Scitech, said: “Science Café is a remarkable opportunity for students to understand what a day in the life of a STEM professional is actually like, and the pathways open to them to follow in their footsteps.”

“With so many STEM career options available, it is vital to help students make the connection between studying STEM in school, and where this can take them in their futures.”

Other areas of expertise students learnt about included Alzheimer’s research, software development, synthetic biology, renewable energy and supercomputing.

Since 2008, Science Café has been hosted by the University of Western Australia with the support of Scitech and Inspiring Australia on behalf of the Australian Government. Science Café was one of hundreds of events that occurred across Australia as part of National Science Week in 2019.

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