

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Scitech transforms into Space Academy this January**

Grab your crew, leave Earth behind and prepare for an epic adventure when you blast off to Space Academy at Scitech this January.

The month-long program is jam-packed with space themed activities suited to any space enthusiast.

Take the challenge to colonise an unknown environment in our feature exhibition Planet Pioneers. Prepare for full-body challenges including driving the Surface Exploration Vehicle, flying a virtual drone and experiencing G-Force in the spinning capsule.

Achieve your dream of space flight with our virtual reality headsets. Created by Samsung and inspired by the Soyuz 30 spaceflight in 1978, blast off and see Earth from the perspective of a cosmonaut in space.

The Scitech Planetarium will explore our potential to develop the next level of spacecraft in Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight.

Over in the Puppet Theatre, Quizzy the Emu needs your help to blast off to explore outer space. Then, visit the Space Station designed especially for young astronauts, and work together to collect and sort the space rocks scattered throughout Discoverland.

Want even more hands-on activities? Explore satellites and constellations in The Tinkering Space. Choose the materials needed to build your satellite, then test your dexterity to build it in an astronaut glovebox.

Plus, stargazing fanatics can pick a favourite constellation to make into a viewing tube to take home.

Got a burning space-related question? Cure your curiosity by chatting to scientists working in the field of astronomy as they deliver presentations, answer all your queries and lead engaging-hands on activities.

The popular CSIRO Lab Workshops have also returned for students aged 4-16, providing hands-on experiences with a space twist. Complete a Mars Rover robotic challenge, create your own Sci-Fi track or make a centre of gravity spacecraft toy, and much more.

Plan your trip and buy tickets at scitech.org.au.

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## Time

9am-5pm daily

#### When

1 - 31 January 2018

#### Cost

Adults \$19 Kids \$12 Kids under 4yrs FREE

### More information

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