

## Welcome Back to the Science Centre!

The sun was shining on the famous Planetarium dome at City West this morning, when the Hon. Dave Kelly, Minister for Science, re-opened the Scitech Science Centre, just in time for the holidays.

After a three-month closure due to COVID-19, families and friends were lining up to reignite their science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) learning journey at Western Australia's leading STEM engagement organisation.

Kalien Selby, Scitech Chief Executive Officer said, "What a fantastic day! Opening the Science Centre confirms that we are well and truly back to doing what we do best. Our commitment to inspiring our visitors with cool and creative STEM experiences is as strong as ever, and we are excited to welcome them back again.

"I want to thank the Government of Western Australia and especially Minister Kelly for their ongoing support. We are proud of the role we play in implementing the State STEM Skills Strategy and contributing to the development of the skills and knowledge required to solve the challenges our world faces."

While Phase 4 of the WA Government's [COVID-19 WA Roadmap](#) continues, a visit to Scitech will be a little different to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff, visitors and the wider community.

A daily limited capacity will ensure visitors will be able to adhere to the 1.5metre physical distancing requirement. Visitors are highly encouraged to purchase their tickets online and will be given priority entry.

Every day will start with a deep cleaning of the Science Centre, with additional cleaning throughout the day. And multiple hand sanitiser stations will be located throughout the Science Centre.

In the gallery spaces, Dinosaurs will roar their welcome and visitors will be able to get a sneak peek of the next inspiring and innovative learning experience *Earth Matters*, currently under construction.

Those with a love for liquid nitrogen shouldn't miss the *Super Cool* shows running in the Chevron Science Theatre, along with the *Dinoshadows* puppet show, temporarily relocated to this larger space.

In the Scitech Planetarium, the youngest STEM explorers will be treated to a special season of *Beyond Earth*, suitable for all ages, while *Moonbase ONE* will be screening for visitors aged 4 and over.

Beyond the Science Centre, Scitech's community engagement has already commenced with science shows and workshops for Perth schools booked well into Term 3. Professional Learning for teachers will ramp up and regional touring will recommence during Term 3, with school visits already confirmed for the Midwest and Wheatbelt regions.

Scitech's highly popular [online experiments and tinkering challenges](#) are still available for families to explore together.

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