

Scitech Brings Physical Sciences to the Great Southern Region

From learning about the nature of motion using the wonders inside your toy box, to testing and manipulating the Rules of the Universe, 10 primary schools across the Great Southern region will get valuable hands-on experience with Scitech's Primary Science tour from 12 – 30 October.

Scitech's first visit to the region since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions will reignite curiosity and excitement about science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM) through physical science shows and workshops.

Kalieu Selby, Scitech Chief Executive Officer, said "The Primary Science tour is part of Scitech's ongoing commitment to bring STEM skills and knowledge to regional and remote communities in Western Australia. Thanks to the support of our program partner Rio Tinto, we continue our mission to engage and inspire Western Australians in STEM, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Now more than ever, we see how STEM skills are needed for the ongoing health and prosperity of our communities. From the development of vaccines to modelling economic scenarios, STEM skills are necessary, and we are very proud to return to the community to boost engagement and interest in these subjects."

Covering a range of physical sciences, the tour's 'Move It' sessions cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 3, with student scientists exploring how various objects move depending on their size, shape and surroundings. 'Prove It' sessions are aimed at Years 4 – 6 and encourages students to explore and harness the laws of physics.

In 2019, Scitech visited over 120 regional communities and the distinctive Scitech red trucks travelled over 100,000 kilometres across Western Australia to bring STEM engagement and inspiration to all corners of the state.

COVID-19 led to a shift in Scitech's touring schedule for 2020; however, schools have been swift to book in a visit from Scitech's inspiring Science Presenter's, with Term 3 and 4 regional tours almost fully booked.

For the October Great Southern Primary Science tour, Scitech will travel to Denmark Primary School, Northcliffe District High School, St Joseph's School, Manjimup Primary School, Kearnan College, Nannup District High School, Greenbushes Primary School, St Brigid's School and Balingup Primary School.