



The Science Experience

<https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>

For Year 9 & Year 10 students

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Rotary clubs have been sponsoring Year 9 and Year 10 students to attend The Science Experience for many years. This youth program gives students an opportunity to participate in daily visits to one or more universities so they can expand their knowledge about science and related courses taught at universities. [Please note this program is not a live-in experience and students need to travel to and from the university each day.]

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of those working in different fields of science.

The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres throughout Australia. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 80,000 students have participated in this program to date.

In the past, District 9600 clubs have fully or partially sponsored students to attend one of the following Science Experience programs.

1. **A three-day science experience** held at the University of Qld – 20-22 January 2021. The cost for sponsoring a student to attend this program is: **\$190.00**.
2. **A four-day science experience** held at University of Queensland; Queensland University of Technology & Griffith University Nathan Campus - 19-22 January 2021. The cost for sponsoring a student to attend this program is: **\$260.00**.

Process for seeking out students to sponsor for this youth program

1. Talk to the Head of Science at your local high school. Discuss 'The Science Experience' program and let him/her know how your club is willing to partially or fully sponsor one or more students as part of your support for local youth. Be sure to ask the Head of Science for their email address.
2. Follow your conversation with the Head of Science with an email where you will send more details about your club's intentions. Be sure to include The Science Experience website link, the brochure and details about the two different programs (listed above).
3. Ask the Head of Science to return the completed application forms (found within the brochure) to you by **Friday 30 October 2020**. (I have found this closing date to be very suitable as it means clubs can complete the forms and pay for the applicants prior to schools becoming busy with end of year examinations).
4. Once you receive the completed applications from the school, you need to complete the sponsorship section and post the completed form and cheque or payment details to the address in Melbourne that is listed on the student application form.
5. It is a good idea to keep a copy of the student applications so you can stay in touch with the applicants and invite him/her to visit your club after The Science Experience so they can let your club members know about the benefits of being sponsored for this youth activity.

More information about The Science Experience can be found at: <https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/>
I attach a copy of the brochure for The Science Experience for your convenience:

Please note: IF A PROGRAM IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID19 VIRUS A FULL REFUND WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE ENROLLED AND PAID (statement located on The Science Experience Website).

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