

Science Career Seminar 12th May 2010

Seton Catholic College & Hamilton Senior High School

As part of its Real World Science Program KIEP arranged a Science As A Career seminar at Seton Catholic College. Over a hundred students were present and were given information on what it is actually like to be a scientist; including their day to day working life and how they secured their career. The popular notion that 'scientists wear white lab coats' was dispelled by Annette showing a photograph of her working in an area where at all times she had to wear safety clothing and carry a gas alarm, gas mask and safety goggles.

The guest speakers were:

- **Dr Kimberley Strong** from University of Western Australia: a university lecturer and researcher in the field of Medical Science,
- **Shane Koenig** from Nufarm: W.A. Technical Manager for Nufarm Australia Limited's agrochemical manufacturing operations and also actively involved with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc (RACI).
- **Annette Larwood**: laboratory team leader at the BHP Billiton Nickel West Kwinana Refinery.



At the seminar students learnt:

- What the speakers as employers look for when recruiting, including that being able to have work experience or some past part time work history was a great positive.
- Employment opportunities including apprenticeships and graduate employment were available but students were expected to seek opportunities themselves, as this showed a real interest for the job.
- Travel opportunities available to scientists.
- University pathways available.
- Day to day involvement in carrying out research.
- How quickly you can achieve promotion and how.
- The environmental regulations and testing scientist adhere to.
- **By studying science today's young people have an opportunity to influence and change our future environment.**



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Comments from students included:

Chemistry is cool.....very informative.....anything is possible.....it was a great experience.....different pathways careers can take you.....you can do different careers to do with your chosen field.....enjoyed listening to the career opportunities..... there are so many different options of careers within science.....I am still not sure (about career plans) but my 'flavour' is



now environmental science... it was very interesting.....there are lots of science in careersit has given me lots of options that it is better to have worked before on your resume than just a degree.....I live near to Kwinana and it is an option (working in the Kwinana industries) I did not realise.....how science helps everything we do in an ordinary society.....the wide variety of jobs available in science..... what different types of jobs there are.....



KIEP's mission: 'Providing the best prepared students for further education, training and employment.'

