

Coolbina Primary puts UWA Science Outreach Under the Mircroscope

"The day started out with a surprisingly long walk from the bus to the Agricultural Science buildings." **Gemma**

"Although the campus is ridicouously big, we didn't mind the walk because something brillant was waiting for us at the other end."
Nina



"I grabbed a dark green coat, putting it on immediately bolstered my look" **Shaun**

"I was surprised about the colour of the coats they were green! I thought we would wear white ones like the mad scientists on TV." **Jessica**

Coolbinia Primary's Year 7's learned that when your parents tell you not to swim in the river they have a very good reason." **Gemma**

"The laboratory was full of trays full of mud and water. Little did I know what was lurking in the water!" **Gemma**



"I focused the microscope a little bit more, and more and more, until there were little green bugs infesting the slide. Seeing real life protozoa was disgustingly amazing." **Elysse**

"It was amazing to get a closer look at the creatures, I could see cells, body parts and a heart beating. I felt like a real scientist." **Jessica**

I squirted a small sample of pond water onto a slide, covered it with a thin cover slip and getting it into focus, I could suddenly see protozoa squirming and wriggling in every direction." **Shaun**



Muza, a researcher, talked to us about joining science and culture. Could it be done?" **Gemma**

"After a huge debate about scientific knowledge and cultural knowledge, we finally agreed that everything was both." **Nina**

Two uni students, Rose and Maluka, gave us a tour around the campus. They showed us the chemical laboratories, libraries, buildings with amazing patterns, artworks, shops, displays, bones, koi fish, ducklings and peacocks." **Gemma**



"After we had our tour of the Uni's facilities we all had a well deserved lunch and then we hung out on James Oval." **Jillian**



"All in all we loved it. We realized we could do a lot more than we thought. UWA had opened up a lot of new ideas to us" **Nina**

Already it was time to leave. It was a fun day to learn what life at Uni was about. Maybe I will see them there in 6 years. **Gemma**

Hi Deborah

First of all I would like to formally thank you on behalf of the year seven students at Coolbinia Primary. The visit to UWA was an adventure and an eye opener for the students. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day. The sounds of joy when they discovered a live creature were impressive. I'm hoping that you may be able to run similar sessions in the following years.

Thank you for taking the time to organise the outreach program and setting up the terrific activities on the day. Elaine and myself were very impressed.

Many thanks

Bert Brescianini

Year 7 Teacher

Hi Deborah

Many thanks for a fabulous science session on 16 Nov. As you will have noticed, our Year 7s changed from "I can't see anything" to totally engaged and very excited about their discoveries. An outstanding, memorable experience! Many sincere thanks.

Cheers Elaine Lewis Teacher Coolbinia PS