



## **Media Alert**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2006

### **Partnership Gives Students Science For Thought**

Students from 10 local high schools participating in an innovative hands-on science program at Victoria University's Footscray Park Campus.

A four way partnership between Western Chances, Victoria University, Siemens and The Siemens Science Experience has allowed 100 Year 9 students to engage in a fun and practical science and engineering program.

The Siemens Science Experience Day Camp will be held from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December and allowed students to learn about science through interactive workshops aimed at giving practical experience in the university laboratories.

Terry Bracks, Chair of Western Chances said The Siemens Science Experience was an exciting opportunity for students and has helped them gain a valuable insight into the fields of science and engineering.

"The aim of the program was to equip students with the knowledge of different science fields and assist them in making decisions about VCE and tertiary courses.

"The experiments conducted by Victoria University were fun and engaging and ranged from forensic science to physics and engineering projects to the science of energy conservation," Mrs Bracks said.

"All projects were designed to engage and inspire the students about science and the way it can be used in everyday life," she added.

### **Media Photo Opportunity**

**What:** Students participating in exciting and hands on science projects

**Where:** Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus, Building G, Level 6, Room 11

**When:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm

**Who:** Terry Bracks, Chair Western Chances  
Footscray High School students, actively participating in their science project. This is the last one for the program and promises to be very visually appealing.

Western Chances has been in operation for almost three years and has awarded over 400 scholarships for academic, social and cultural activities to young people in the Western Suburbs.

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