From: Elisa McGowan
Sent: Thursday, 29 July 2010 9:05 AM
To: Sandra Dyer
Cc: Kate Brandis; Ray Garrett; Brendon Degois
Subject: Thanks for your support with the 2010 Science and Engineering Camp

Hi Sandra,

I am just writing to thank you and all of the activity providers that helped out with this year's Indigenous Science and Engineering Camp the other week.

Overall the camp was a great success and the students really enjoyed all of the activities. It was great to have so much on offer from Engineering and everything was really hands-on and engaging, not to mention well-organised!

The students loved learning about the racing car and getting the opportunity to sit in it, in the EWB activities it was fantastic to see the team work happening amongst groups (even in one group that struggled to work together at first but had to overcome this to get their task completed). I loved how practical these activities were and how they had to imagine themselves as real engineers. They were all fascinated by the Swan River Model and asked great questions and it was awesome how they got to build their own electromagnets and keep them! Please pass on my thanks to all the presenting staff – they were interesting, professional and all interacted really well with the students.

We asked all the students to fill in evaluation forms at the end of the camp and overall they ranked the Engineering activities highly, with many giving scores of 1s or 2s (out of a possible 5). We asked the students to write a comment about their favourite part of the camp and one student wrote "Engineering was most interesting".

As you know, we had some photographers around during the Motorsport activity which resulted in a great article in The Post and on the UWA website (see link below and attached. Apologies to Dominique – student Demie Scally was photographed but identified incorrectly as Dominique!). We also had interest from the Western Suburbs Weekly, The West Australian, School Matters and ABC Radio – so I will let you know if any more articles surface!

Virginia Baker from EWB already forwarded me a few great photos from their activity, but if any of the other providers got snaps during the day – we'd love to see them!

Also if you or any of the providers have any feedback on any aspect of the visit, I'm very open to hearing it! We hope to run the camp again next year, so ideas on ways we can shape it to make it an even better experience for the students are welcome!

Thanks once again on behalf of the School of Indigenous Studies and the 28 Year 9s that took part in this year's camp!

Kind Regards,
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