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Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair attracts 300 students

More than 300 primary and high school students will converge on the University of Wollongong tomorrow to participate in the 2008 Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair.

This year's Fair is the second in a three-year naming-rights partnership between Illawarra Coal and the University of Wollongong to stage the event, which provides a unique opportunity for primary and high school students to explore the exciting world of science.

The 2008 Fair has attracted more than 200 projects from students throughout the Illawarra, South Coast, Campbelltown, Southern Sydney, Southern Highlands and surrounds in subject areas such as biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, geography and physics.

Illawarra Coal General Manager Sustainable Development and External Affairs, John Brannon said Illawarra Coal is delighted to continue its involvement with such a successful and exciting project.

"We have supported the Science Fair since its inception as a school-based event five years ago, and we are pleased to see the Fair develop into one of the most significant science events for primary and high school students," John said.

"Science is one of the foundations of our business, so as one of the region's major employers we are pleased to be involved in initiatives such as this that encourage young people to develop their interests and talents in the field.

"Many of our employees have participated as judges each year, and each time they are greatly impressed by the high standard of work presented, and the enthusiasm of the young scientists."

Further information can be obtained from www.uow.edu.au/science/regionalsciencefair or by contacting University of Wollongong Science Faculty Schools Liaison Officer Melissa Thompson on 4221 3512 or email melissa@uow.edu.au.

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