



All Saints College student Darren Harper (front) holds a Stimpson's python. He is joined by fellow Year 12 student Alex Beilby (right) and the Department's Technical Officers, Mike Scanton (left) and Jim Cocking. Photo by Ernie McLintock.

National Science Week

ACTIVITIES around the Department saw students from Penrhos and All Saints College celebrate National Science Week with many different hands on activities.

Two Year 12 students from All Saints College spent a day with a scientist at the Department's Woodvale Research Centre and the WA Herbarium.

Alex Beilby and Darren Harper were shown work conducted by the Department's Science Division and various animals and insects including snakes, mammals and spiders. The program was particularly interesting for Alex and Darren who both have their sights set on becoming scientists and studying Environmental Science at University.

"A day with a scientist gives us a chance to come and see the sort of work that scientists do in the Department," Darren said.

"We are both very interested in

pursuing a science-based career in an organization like the Department."

"We were lucky enough to see examples of laboratory and field work at the Woodvale Work Centre and WA Herbarium typically undertaken by scientists," Alex said.

Pre-primary to Year six Penrhos College students were also treated to many of the Department's schools programs, including meeting native animals, identifying plants, and investigating and solving the mystery of *What happened to the woylie?* Some classes learnt how Aboriginal people traditionally caught a meal with spears, dug for wild potatoes and made a fishing fence.

The co-ordinating teacher from Penrhos College, Maree Zimbalis, said the day was a wonderful learning experience for all staff and students and taught them the importance of conserving the biodiversity of their local forests and bushlands.



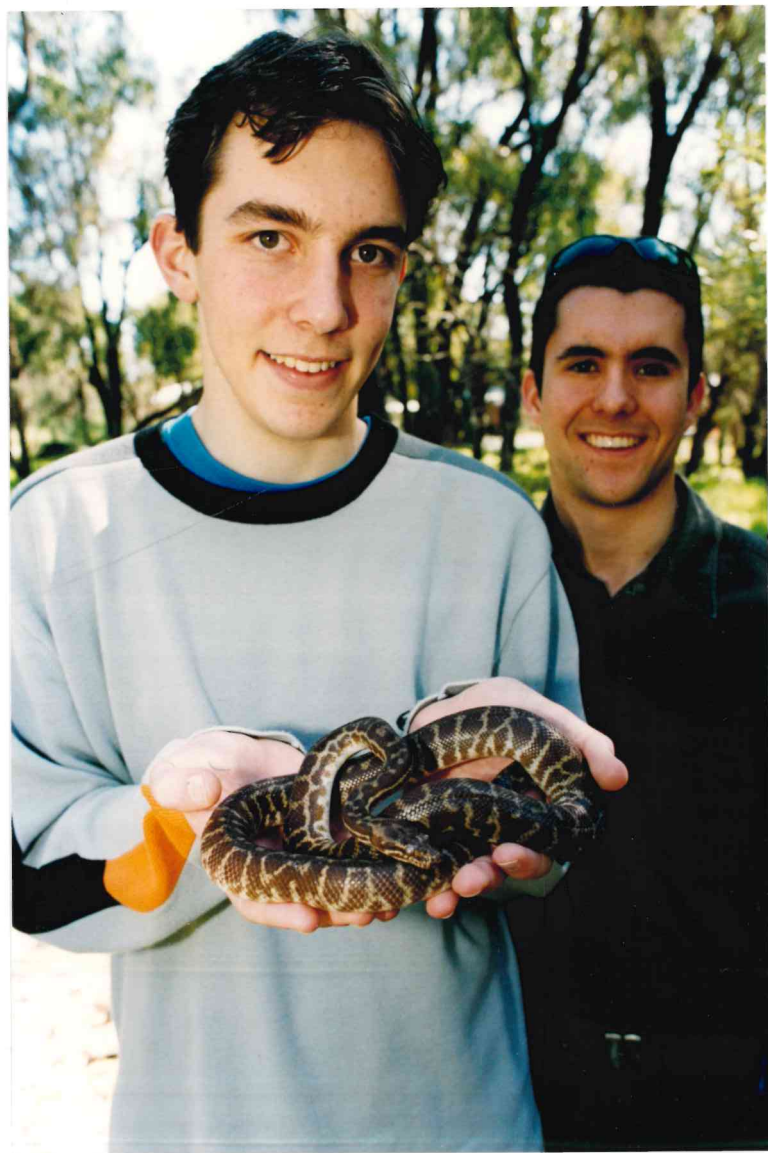
All Saints Year 12 students Darren Harper (left) and Alex Beilby with a woma python at the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week (August 2002). Photograph by Ernie McLintock.



Snakes alive! Year 12 All Saints College students spent a day with the Department's scientists at the Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week last month. Pictured (from left) are technical officer Mike Scanlon, All Saints students Alex Beilby and Darren Harper, and technical officer Jim Cocking. The boys are holding a stimpson's python. Photo by Ernie McLintock.



All Saints Year 12 students Darren Harper (left) and Elex Beilby with a Great Desert Skink at the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week (August 2002). Photograph by Ernie McLintock.



All Saints Year 12 students Alex Beilby (left) and Darren Harper with a woma python at the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week (August 2002). Photograph by Ernie McLintock.



Departmental technical officers Jim Cocking (left) and Mike Scanlon (right) watch All Saints College year 12 students Alex Beilby (second from left) and Darren Harper with a stimpson's python during National Science Week. Photo by Ernie McLintock.



Scientist David Pearson (left) and Year 12 All Saints students Darren Harper (centre) and Alex Beilby handle a woma python during National Science Week in August (2002). The students took part in the department's *Spend A Day with a Scientist* activity. Photo by Ernie McLintock.



Mike Scanlon

Jim Cocking

Under the microscope... All Saints Year 12 students Darren Harper (left) and Alex Beilby at the Department of Conservation and Land Management's Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week (August 2002). Photograph by Ernie McLintock.



Snakes alive! All Saints College student Darren Harper (front) holds a stimpson's python as part of spending a day with scientists at the Department's Woodvale Research Centre during National Science Week. He is joined by follow year 12 student Alex Beilby (right) and two of the department's technical officers, Mike Scanlon (left) and Jim Cocking. Photo by Ernie McLintock.