

## YOUNG SCIENTISTS EXCEL AT MITCHIE



Congratulations to four Year 8 Science students, Andrew, Matthew, James and Tony, who have been accepted into the Kids' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Convention. This is a 3 Phase program organised through the University of Queensland's Bright Minds program. It will be running through Term 3.

### Phase 1 - Conference

Students attend presentations by leading local scientists and professionals at the University of Queensland, St. Lucia campus on Friday 24 July.

### Phase 2 – Inquiry

Extended experimental investigations into community issues are undertaken by

students over an eight week period.

### Phase 3 - Investigative Forum

A peer showcase of learning, presented by the students, of their Inquiry results. This will occur at the Queensland Academy for Science and Maths at Toowong in September.

This initiative is a joint project developed by Education Queensland, The University of Queensland and the Department of Environment, Resources and Water and the focus of this year's Convention is "Our Environment – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly".

Congratulations also go to two of our Year 11 Science students, Amy and Alex. They have been accepted into the SPARQ-ed (Students Performing Advanced Research - education) program.

This is an innovative educational centre developed by The University of Queensland's Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine. The SPARQ-ed program allows for small groups of 12-16 students from around Queensland to undertake an intensive week-long research project. The Diamantina Institute is located at Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Amy and Alex will be undertaking their research project from August 17-21.

