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COLAC EXPO TO HIGHLIGHT MATHS AND SCIENCE IN DAIRY

Nearly 200 students from Colac, Timboon, Camperdown, Apollo Bay and Lavers Hill will learn how important maths and science are in the dairy industry at an expo in Colac on Tuesday.

The 184 Year 7 students will experience 23 different interactive presentations from dairy farmers, service providers and processors.

The expo is part of Maths and Science @ Work a program developed in partnership between the dairy industry, Colac Secondary College, Timboon P-12 and Camperdown College and South West Local Learning and Employment Network.

WestVic Dairy secured funds from Schools Connect Australia to deliver the program which will feature three expos over the next three years. Further expos will be held in Timboon and Camperdown in 2014 and 2015. Year 7 students from all three schools will attend each expo.

The project is the first of its type in Australia and could be used as a prototype for similar events to promote maths and science education in other agricultural industries.

Project coordinator Libby Swayn said the presentations would show how maths and science are used every day on farms and in the various occupations within the dairy industry.

“Students will work in small groups and learn everything from blending grain for cow nutrition and making cheese to plotting paddock size for pasture management and diagnosing cow health,” Mrs Swayn said.

The project is designed to make maths and science relevant and exciting for Year 7 students, and ultimately aims to address the decline in the number of students studying science and mathematics in senior secondary school levels and to increase student awareness of agricultural careers in the region.

MEDIA INVITATION:

The media is invited to the expo on May 28 at COPACC.