

***Girls in Year 10 are invited to apply for the Growing Tall Poppies Program 2016***

**Background:** The Growing Tall Poppies Program aims to increase the number of secondary students, particularly girls, who study sciences in Year 11 and 12. The program has been running in Victoria since 2008 gradually expanding into other states and territories. Involving students in genuine research in authentic learning environments allows them to observe firsthand the interdisciplinary nature of science and the important role of science in society. We aim to support students to develop both the knowledge and tools to identify and achieve their goals for the future and to develop skills and inspiration to focus them to succeed with their studies at a very high level in the following years. This will also enable students to develop the foundation for successful transition into their future tertiary studies and the broader community.

**The opportunity:** Six girls from Year 10 science will be selected to take part in a ‘real-life’ science project for three days (21-23 June, 2016) with researchers from the Adolescent Risk Research Unit at the University of the Sunshine Coast. This year’s project is “Helpful Helmets and Cyclist Safety” – exploring the risks associated with cyclists not wearing helmets. The three-day project will commence with a short introduction to the staff members involved, an orientation of the work environment and reading material to focus students on the aims of the project, setting personal goals and the benefits of working in an integrated science program. Over the three days the selected students will conduct background research on the topic, collect and analyse data and decide how to best present their findings before creating their presentation.

**The obligation:** Students who apply for the program will be a part of a team that will present a report of their research findings as well as a reflection on their learning experience to the research team at the University. Students will also present to various audiences including students, teachers and the community at school during the 2016 National Science Week (13-21 August).

**To apply:** If you wish to be considered for this exciting opportunity, you will need to complete the attached application form stating why you wish to be considered, that you agree to negotiate alternative assessment dates (if necessary), and that you will catch up on work missed in the relevant subject areas. You also need to obtain signed consent from your parent/guardian. Applications are to be handed or emailed to Ms Wendy Cook ([cookw@immanuel.qld.edu.au](mailto:cookw@immanuel.qld.edu.au)). Applications close on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

**The selection:** Six students will be selected to participate in the program based on their applications. Successful applicants will be notified by 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. You will need to make your own way to the University each day, beginning at 8.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. You will also need to provide your own lunch. There are cafes on the university campus where a variety of food options and water bottle refilling stations are available.



# APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your Year 10 subject enrolment for 2016, and your intentions for 2017:

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Describe why you would be interested in the *Growing Tall Poppies Program*.

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Proposed career pathways or aspirations:

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I have discussed the program with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and they have supported my application. I understand that I will be a part of a team and therefore I must show my commitment to the program through active participation, attendance and punctuality.

I agree to negotiate alternative assessment dates (if necessary) and to be responsible for catching up on any work missed in the relevant subject areas.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/guardian media release

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian name) (Student's name)

give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed by (or on behalf of) Growing Tall Poppies Program and hereby give permission for them to use any photographic images or videos for the Growing Tall Poppies program and any general university promotion (including any of the following listed purposes but not limited to) by the University of the Sunshine Coast. If the images are used on Facebook pages student names are not included, and the pages cannot be tagged or posted. The purposes may include use:

1. In printed material such as newsletters, brochures, annual report, posters and other advertising material;
2. In video material such as advertising material or DVDS;
3. On our websites/Facebook; and
4. By newspapers or magazines.

I have read and I understand that these photographs, work samples and student names will be used for educational related purposes only.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_