Students educated and empowered to transform Burnie’s environment

More than 300 primary school students will be inspired to forge a sustainable future during a number of hands-on learning activities in Burnie this Thursday, 9 November.

*Kids for Kids: Don’t Mess with Burnie* is an initiative facilitated by the University of Tasmania with the support of industry partners that equips schoolchildren with skills, knowledge and awareness to preserve their local environment and the planet.

Students will participate in experiments demonstrating how greenhouse gases warm the Earth, see how recycled materials are sorted and separated, collect litter from the West Beach foreshore and create art from natural materials.

They will also learn how water is harnessed to make energy, how wood heater emissions can affect air quality, the impact of climate change on the environment, the importance of de-sexing cats and gain insight into local Aboriginal culture.

University of Tasmania Sustainability Officer Kim Beasy said the event promised to be a fun, engaging and rich learning experience that supported and nurtured students to connect with their ‘place’.

“*Don’t Mess with Burnie* is an opportunity for students to connect their learning with experienced practitioners involved in sustainability across the community that builds on the primary school curriculum,” Ms Beasy said.

“A lot of positive work is already underway in this region to preserve the local environment and culture, so we want to inspire the next generation to continue this into the future while showing them what is possible through further education.”

*Don’t Mess with Burnie* follows a successful program in 2016, and has this year expanded to include representatives of Cooee, Romaine Park, Havenview, Montello and Burnie primary schools.
MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

The best photo/filming opportunity will take place between 9.30am–10am when all students converge at Makers' Workshop, 2–4 Bass Highway Burnie, for a group introduction.

Students will then be divided into groups to participate in various hands-on activities nearby.

To arrange an alternative media opportunity, please contact: Kim Beasy, 0467 047 263.

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