Aquanauts: Spying on the Depths

Science Extension for Yr 8-10 Students

Getting to the moon is hard. Getting to the bottom of the ocean can be harder! Finding out what's happening under the waves requires scientists to overcome some big hurdles. Depth, visibility, salt and electronics, and many other challenges present themselves. In this programme you'll face those challenges to become an aquanaut, building your own aquabot to explore the ocean, and learn how we can use this technology to collect and apply data.

Day 1 – Exploration of marine science challenges

- AM Introduction to the programme and teams
- PM Planning research project

Day 2 - Creating Underwater Aquabots

- AM Design / Build Aquabots to meet requirements of tasks needed
- PM Discover the local catchment and discussion of environmental issues affecting local marine environment

Day 3 - Field sampling by boat and data analysis

- AM Deployment of Aquabots, observations and data collection
- PM Back in the lab to make sense of what we collected

Friday 11 November - Interpreting and presenting the data

- AM Data analysis and interpretation, creation of presentation media
- PM Presentations of the information gathered from the Aquabot exploration

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