

Sample One-Day Gifted and Talented Programme

Please have own cut lunch and a drink bottle with water (brain juice!)

Warm clothing and weatherproof jacket are needed and closed toe footwear is compulsory in the laboratory.

Hot water is available if students wish to bring cup-a-soup for lunch. We will supply morning and afternoon teas.

9:00 am

Students arrive at the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre

-Welcome & introductions.

-Brief over view and outline of programme with reference to and brief interpretation of the theme and the focus topic areas.

“Making sense of the marine environment enables survival and enriches lives”.

-A thinking web.

-PowerPoint on Humans and the Global Marine Environment.

-Science and teams—forming enquiry teams.

9:45 am-10:45 am

Using and extending our senses in marine science.

- In the laboratory we test our senses on abiotic parameters (light, temperature, salinity, oxygen) of the marine environment. An introduction to some basic instrument use and the potential for error and limitations.

10-45 am

Morning tea.

11:00 am-12:30 pm

Laboratory Challenge

-Creating an investigation (echinoderms as bio-indicators and the background to experimental protocol).

-Linking to survival and enrichment.

-Review and critique of mini investigations.

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm-1:50 pm

Marine Animal Senses

-In the teaching laboratory we do comparative dissections of fish and squid.

- A look into the sensory organs, nerves and brains.
- Making some comparisons to our own senses and brain.

1:50 pm-3:20 pm

On board the **Research Vessel Polaris (if available)**.

- Search and research. We look at ways marine scientists and those that work with them use and extend their senses at sea. Various instruments are used to catch, collect, to make conscious, to compare, to compute, to critique, to communicate, to create.

3:20 pm-3:50 pm

Team Sensory Challenge

- 4 test stations for teams to solve problems:

Photoreceptor and mechanoreceptor challenge.

(Auditory) mechanoreceptor challenge.

Instrument use challenge.

Chemoreceptor (taste) challenge.

4:00 pm

Depart NZMSC.

Notes:

Cost – Price on enquiry – depends on how many hours programme runs.

Plus additional cost of the RV “Polaris” (if used).

Availability of “Polaris” depends on other Marine Science Departmental needs at the time.

It is possible to run a modified programme without these particular activities. Please make enquiry to discuss.

Worksheets – Where relevant, and if desired, will be provided.

Teams – Most activities and challenges will be done as small cooperative and collaborative teams of 4 or 5.

Students should bring – pencils, pens, (a clipboard if you have one).

Food – Please bring packed lunches. A lunchroom and kitchen are available. We are able to supply mugs and hot water.

Appropriate Clothing – It is essential that **students do not wear open-toed footwear in the laboratory. Warm weatherproof jacket/parka will be needed on the boat (if used).**

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