



## In2Science: Getting school students engaged in STEM

Many of our Science, Health and Engineering students are so passionate about their study that they want to go back to school to share their enthusiasm with the next generation of students.

[In2science](#) places university students as mentors into year 8 and 9 classrooms over a 10-week period. The mentors work with Maths and Science teachers to help with practical and small group work, and talk to the students about their studies.

In metropolitan Melbourne the mentors visit their class every week, while in regional and rural Victoria the mentors connect with students using an interactive online platform.

[External evaluations](#) have shown that, after working closely with a mentor, school students have increased confidence in science and maths, and are more likely to consider a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) career.

During their placements, the [mentors gain skills](#) in communication and problem solving that will help them succeed in their future careers.

La Trobe University established the collaborative program in 2004 in partnership with other Victorian Universities. Over the last 14 years In2science has placed more than 2000 students in 157 schools working with almost 60,000 school students.

