Take the work out of school holidays with fun science classes in your workplace

School holidays can be a challenging time for parents who need to take time off work to care for their kids – and for employers who find themselves missing staff when they need them most.

At Macquarie University, we know that creating a family-friendly workplace is good for business and good for families, so we’re taking our popular Junior Science Academy classes on the road and into workplaces in North Ryde and Macquarie Park.

It’s all about helping local businesses show their support for working parents these holidays, while giving kids a fun and educational alternative to screen time.

**JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY**

We offer a range of fun and hands-on science classes for primary school-aged kids (from kindergarten to Year 6). Our age-appropriate science classes – across science, technology, engineering and maths concepts – are all about exploration, discovery and having fun.

**SCIENCE CLASSES IN YOUR WORKPLACE**

We create a safe, engaging and inclusive environment in your workplace. You can choose a class that aligns with the science or technology interests of your business, or one that appeals to your staff and their children. Co-located businesses can partner to hold classes in a common area.

We provide two qualified teachers for each class and all teaching and safety equipment. A maximum of 20 children per class is recommended. If you can’t make the numbers, feel free to offer places to members of your broader community.

The program will run during the October school holidays, from Monday 30 September to Friday 11 October 2019 (Monday 7 October is a public holiday in New South Wales).

**WHAT WE NEED**

To hold classes in your workplace, we need access to the following facilities:

- Large space, with durable flooring, for children to play, make noise and construct things – located away from people working
- Kitchen and microwave
- Bathrooms
- Outdoor area nearby, such as a local park or a dedicated staff space
- Large screen or wall to project images (preferred but not essential)

**CLASS FEES**

Classes are available at the discount rate of $100 per child, per day (normally $126.50). Staff members can pay fees directly to the Junior Science Academy. Or, if your business prefers to partially or fully subsidise classes as part of your social responsibility agenda, we are happy to tailor a package to suit.

**FIND OUT MORE**

For more information, visit our website or contact a member of our team – we’re here to help.

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