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Dead things, taxidermy and taxonomy

Secondary students will be able to experience dead things in jars, taxidermy and taxonomy as part of a Senior Science Study Day today at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT).

To celebrate National Science Week the Natural Science Unit of MAGNT will be throwing open the doors to the prying minds of Darwin's senior secondary science students.

MAGNT Discovery Centre acting manager Natalie Jenkins said the aim of the day was to give students an insight into the work conducted at the museum everyday.

"The museum is an amazing place to work and what is all in a day's work for staff at MAGNT is not what your average year 10 and 11 students experience at school," she said.

"Senior Science Study Day gives students a chance to look behind the scenes and talk to scientists about their work."

Ms Jenkins said the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory employs 16 scientific staff whose research interests cover a wide range of NT fauna from Worms and Jelly Fish to Sea Slugs and Sharks.

"The Natural Sciences collections at the MAGNT are a permanent record of the Territory's biological wealth and natural heritage, with the collection containing an estimated 1.2 million specimens," she said.

"Using this collection, students will learn how scientists identify snakes."

The MAGNT Senior Study Day will be held in the Theatrette, 9am-1pm on Tuesday 15 and Friday 18 August 2006.

Photo opportunities can be arranged during the study day.

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