



Science struts its stuff for students

SOME of the country's best scientists met more than 270 high school students at the University of WA last Wednesday.

The aim of the session, at Winthrop Hall, was to open students' eyes to the career potential of the sciences.

Students got to meet and chat to scientists working in a wide range of fields, including WA's Chief Scientist, Lyn Beazley, and burns specialist and 2005 Australian of the Year Fiona

Wood.

Marine neuroecology PhD student Ryan Kempster shared his vision of creating a marketable shark repellent that uses electrical currents.

Forensic science PhD student Anna Bradley engaged the audience with her talk about her work in bullet analysis and her aspirations to work with the FBI one day.

Anna also enjoyed being in the company of the country's biggest names in science.

"It was an exciting and wonderful experience being among some of Australia's best scientists who are passionately explaining what they do and the defining moments in their science careers," she said.

"It's a real showcase of the diverse and interesting careers that exist in the world of science beyond high school, and for me, that's what the students take away from it."



■ Christ Church Grammar School students, from left, Dylan Bell and Brandon Afiat and Methodist Ladies' College students, from left, Serena Eng and Samantha Schrauth, met Dr Fiona Wood and Professor Lyn Beazley at UWA to talk about careers in science.