Fun, teamwork and discovery will be the order of the day for a team of Aldridge State High School students when they compete at the state finals of the University of Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge held in Townville in September.

To secure their spot in the state finals the 32 students defeated seven other high schools from Fraser Coast competition that was held in May and was facilitated by The University of Southern Queensland.

The exciting practical activities are designed to get students to explore scientific principles for themselves and give them some understanding of what it would be like to work as an engineer or scientist.

Founded in 2000 by the University of Newcastle, the program is now a national event, involving more than 800 schools, 22 000 high school students, 30 universities and various businesses who partnership and sponsor the events each year.

Presently students are fundraising in the school to supplement the substantial cost of the venture but they would also greatly appreciate assistance in the form of donations or sponsorship any local business or organisation was prepared to offer. Please contact Science HOD Iain Carson (41208426/email: icars2@eq.edu.au) if you can help out.