Primary Expedition to the M.A.R.S.* Base
(*Mars Australian Research Station)

In Mission Control students observe the astronauts working in the M.A.R.S. Base, use interactive software to monitor systems, and solve related problems. In the M.A.R.S. Base astronauts work in pairs to complete hands-on science tasks and communicate their results to Mission Control.

Designed to inspire and engage students, Primary Expedition to the M.A.R.S. Base is an immersive space science experience for Grade 5&6 students. The program delivers a scenario-based learning environment that engages the students in a wide range of science activities, uses computer and communications technology, and strongly encourages collaborative learning and teamwork. This program provides a rich experience in science and builds core skills as defined in VELS Level 4. The program consists of pre-visit lessons provided by VSSEC to prepare the students, and a visit to VSSEC where students complete two missions; one as an astronaut and one as a mission controller.

Program dates available: 10th October - 22 December 2011
Time: 9:00am - 12:00 pm or 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Cost: $15 per student plus GST (includes pre-visit lessons and VSSEC mission). Please ask if your school is eligible for a subsidy.
Maximum group size: 24 students
Minimum group size: 12 students

If you would like to spend the whole day at VSSEC enquire about our new hands-on programs under development.
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