

CAMD Case Studies – Research and Innovation:

Smart Moves

Questacon



Inspiring Young Entrepreneurs

Questacon *Smart Moves* focuses on secondary students, showcasing science and innovation and stimulating students to consider new ideas and entrepreneurship in science, engineering and technology. *Smart Moves* uses a combination of multi-media in-school presentations, an interactive website and the *Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention*. Over the last twelve months, the *Smart Moves* program visited 39,199 students at 216 different schools in Australia.

The *Smart Moves Invention Convention* is an intensive week-long program that brings together innovative and enterprising young Australian secondary school students. Questacon has been hosting the *Invention Convention* since 2003 and over 200 students have participated in the program, many from regional areas of Australia.

During the *Invention Convention*, delegates learn about the innovation process and explore and develop their knowledge and skills in innovation and entrepreneurship in a creative environment. The program includes seminars on innovation diffusion, the skills and mindset of the entrepreneur, sustainability and sustainable design, ethics and business, prototyping, effective marketing and intellectual property protection.

http://www.questacon.edu.au/media/assets/factsheet_inventionconvention.pdf