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The best SACE Research Projects on show to 5000 visitors

More than 100 South Australian Certificate of Education students will showcase their Research Projects to an audience of about 5000 students, parents and organisations from today.

Education and Child Development Minister Jennifer Rankine said the students will discuss their research on everything from the causes of the American Revolution, to eco-friendly housing and fertility rates in Japan.

“The expo will inspire and inform students preparing for their Research Project. It will give them ideas about topics to investigate and provide tips on research skills,” Ms Rankine said.

“Last year 13,624 students successfully completed the Research Project as part of their SACE.

“Skills like project management, entrepreneurialism, collecting and analysing information and communication are key to success in the Research Project.

“We hear many stories from past SACE students about how their Research Project has had a real influence on their future study and career aspirations.

“There will be presentations and exhibits from a range of organisations and experts, as well as from students who have excelled in Research Projects on a range of topics.

Last year South Australia had the best retention rates in 20 years –with 91.9 per cent of public school students finishing Year 12.

“These results show that students want to do the Research Project and they want to stay on and complete Year 12,” Ms Rankine said.

“Students who stay on at high school have better education and employment outcomes than those who don’t, so engaging young people in education is a key priority.”

The two-day Research Project Student Expo has exceeded expectations with more than 4500 students registered to attend.

The expo will also feature more than 30 organisations with ideas and information for students.

Parents, students and the public are welcome to attend an after-school session at the expo at the Ridley Centre, Adelaide Showground, from 3pm to 6pm today.

Further information on the expo is available at: www.sace.sa.edu.au/rpse2014