

[CAREER GUIDANCE]

Tertiary students and Meraka enjoy a technical holiday

Learners encouraged to be innovative outside their curriculum, and exposed to research career possibilities in ICT

TWENTY ICT students from various local institutions participated in the first vacation student programme of the Meraka Institute during the recent holidays.

The programme is aimed at exposing students to potential research careers in information and communication technology (ICT).

Participants ranged from first year through to honours students.

It is envisaged that the pilot will be “the first of many exchanges between Meraka and tertiary institutions”, in which a culture of learning and promotion of excellence in ICT can be fostered.

The students worked with Meraka ICT experts on the Institute’s National Accessibility Portal (NAP), Digital Doorway and Human Language Technologies projects.

Final-year B.Sc. computer science student from the University of Zululand, Gugu Khalala, worked with Meraka Institute’s NAP researcher Andrew Smith on a project titled Human Computer Interactions.

The project uses an educational computer game format to enhance the physical abilities of children between the ages of four and nine.

– Staff Reporter

