

GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS

KAREN inspires NZ's young, talented scientists by connecting teachers and students with world-leading medical researchers.

Real science for NZ's brightest budding biologists

The LENScience Senior Biology Seminar Series connects world-leading scientists with Year 13 biology students throughout New Zealand for regular curriculum-linked seminars. The interactive e-learning experience is broadcast through KAREN multicast and video conferencing via the National Education Network, and over satellite television.

NEN delivers award-winning e-learning

LENScience, an initiative of the Liggins Institute, provides schools with access to scientific research communities, with the programmes designed to inspire both science students and their teachers. The Institute's medical researchers participated in the initiative, which involved nearly 100 schools in 8 sessions. It was the winner of the 2009 TUANZ Education Innovation Award.

"We're facing a global shortage of science graduates just when we need them most. KAREN is helping us to turn the problem around," Jacquie Bay, Director LENScience.

"KAREN delivers experts right into the school for a superior e-learning experience," Jacquie Bay, Director LENScience.



Demonstrating the possibilities of the NEN

LENScience demonstrates the possibilities of the NEN. New Zealand school science teachers have been full of praise for the initiative, with many commenting that students really enjoyed the opportunity to ask live questions via the live link.

"Any opportunity to make students think and engage is useful. This was a great opportunity for teachers and students to hear biology straight from researchers," says one NEN connected teacher.

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