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Agriculture students from highschoools in Manjimup and Pemberton were given a global perspective on science and agriculture when they had the unique opportunity to meet Murdoch University's Professor Lyn Beazley at the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) in Bunbury today, thanks to the Southern Forests SEED Program.

Together with Professor Beazley, the students took part in a tour of the Bunbury Port, hosted by the Bunbury Port Authority, and were also shown through the DAFWA laboratories, giving them a sneak-peek at some of the exciting research projects that are currently underway.

Before lunch, which was provided by DAFWA, Professor Beazley gave the students an encouraging talk about the future of careers in agriculture. Professor Beazley found it very encouraging that that so many enthusiastic, young people were interested in agriculture, saying "the world will have more than 10 billion people to feed in 35 years, so we need innovative young people in agriculture to solve the global issues surrounding sustainability and food production - the great thing about bringing them to Bunbury is that they've been exposed to the world of opportunities that are out there waiting for them."

"The SEED Program is part of the overall Agricultural Expansion Project which is funded by Royalties for Regions. It is all about the proactive promotion of careers and pathways in agriculture - it provides opportunities that regional students may otherwise have missed out on, and excursions such as this give students a fresh perspective on the scale of agricultural operations across WA and around the world," added Shire President Wade DeCampo.

The Southern Forests SEED Program will continue to provide opportunities of this nature to students with a keen interest in agricultural science throughout 2015.

Photos:

[Click here for photographs of Professor Beazley with agriculture students from Manjimup and Pemberton.](#)

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