



SCIENCE PROMOTION: The physical science school and teacher competition was launched at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University yesterday.

Stem project launched in PE

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THIS year's physical science school and teacher competition, part of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's (NMMU) science, technology, engineering and mathematics (Stem) pipeline project, was officially launched in Port Elizabeth yesterday morning.

The competition is in its seventh year and gives additional maths and physical science classes to grades 10 to 12 pupils.

Project manager Isabel van Gend said they were working in partnership

with the South African National Roads Agency (Sanral).

"The partnership was formed in 2010 and has continued to grow and deliver positive results," she said.

The competition will run over a three-year period.

During this time teachers and schools have to promote physical science in the classroom and at school.

"At the end of the competition those dedicated teachers and schools will walk away with prizes," Van Gend said.

Marketing and communications manager of Sanral's southern region,

Michelle Ah Shene, said they wished all pupils and teachers the best in the competition and they were delighted with their partnership with NMMU.

Alexander High School principal Dr Peter Manser said schools have a good impact on society.

"As teachers we have a duty to instil entrepreneurship to our pupils.

"We need to encourage them to be innovative and to keep up with the times and technology," Manser said.

He said it was their duty to mould youngsters as they are future inventors.

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