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RAINFOREST BECOMES A LIVING LAB FOR NSW BIOLOGY STUDENTS

Year 11 Biology students successfully developed their scientific inquiry skills at Minnamurra Rainforest during a collaborative study day designed to meet the core outcomes of the NSW Stage 6 Biology Syllabus. Senior Biology students honed their practical skills during the Stage 6 fieldwork study at Minnamurra Rainforest in Budderoo National Park, where they conducted fieldwork, gathered data, and identified distinguishing features of the rainforest (Module 4: Ecosystem Dynamics).

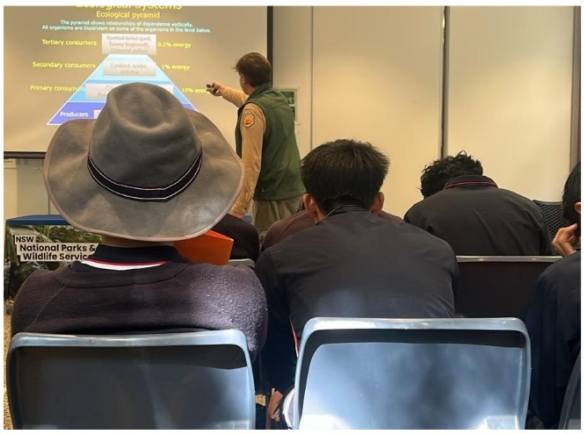
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The targeted educational event at Minnamurra focused heavily on Module 3: Biological Diversity, challenging the students to actively analyse both abiotic and biotic selection pressures by using fossil evidence alongside the site's live flora and fauna. Through hands-on investigations into structural, behavioural, and physiological adaptations within the unique ecosystem, the students successfully explained the complex mechanisms driving organism specialisation, microevolution, and the broader theory of evolution by natural selection.

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