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## About ASSIST

Science ASSIST is Australia's national online advisory service for school science educators and technicians. It provides:

- expert, up-to-date information on high-quality teaching and learning resources;
- support for teachers in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Science;
- consistent and authoritative advice on all aspects of school laboratory safety, management and design;
- support for school laboratory technicians and teachers in the delivery of stimulating and practical science activities; and
- an extensive range of educationally sound and safety-compliant practical activities for a hands-on, inquiry-based study of science in school science laboratories and classrooms.

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