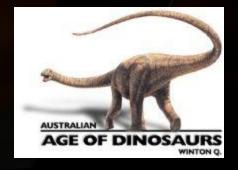
Engaging young people: Dark Skies and School STEM

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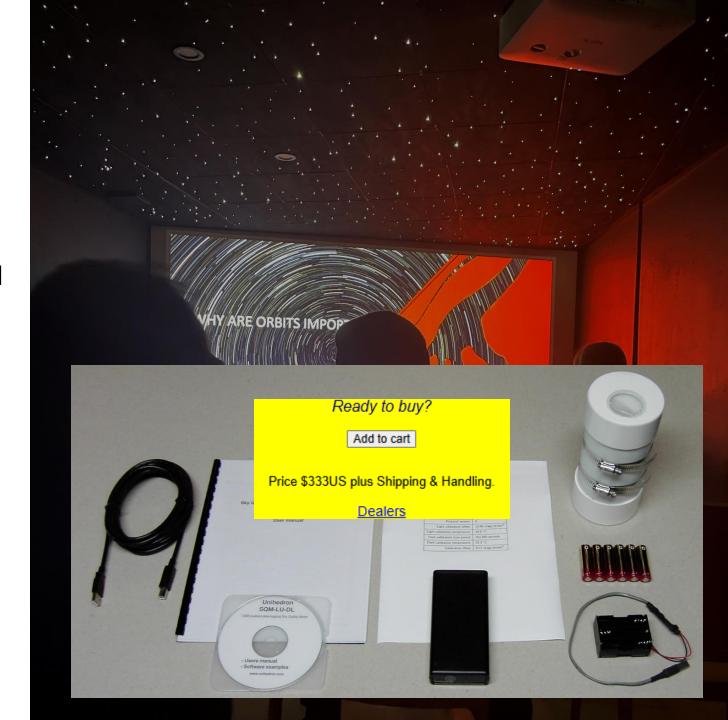






Investment

- approximately \$550 AUD for the SQM
- battery replacement can be powered by 5vUSB source
- training time of a staff member
- time for teacher/class to collect data
- extra curricular STEM/astronomy club group involvement – experts into the classroom
- Community outreach



Dinosaurs, the solar system and stars

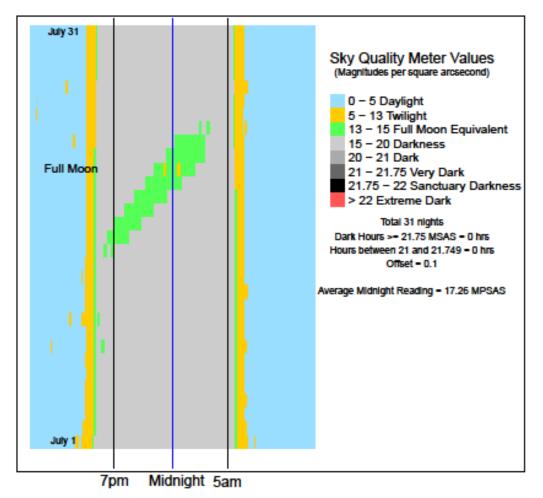
- visual comparison of data
- statistical comparison of data the assignment
- levels of complexity from five number summary, stem and leaf, box and whisker, mean, median, mode
- learning journey in the treatment of the data



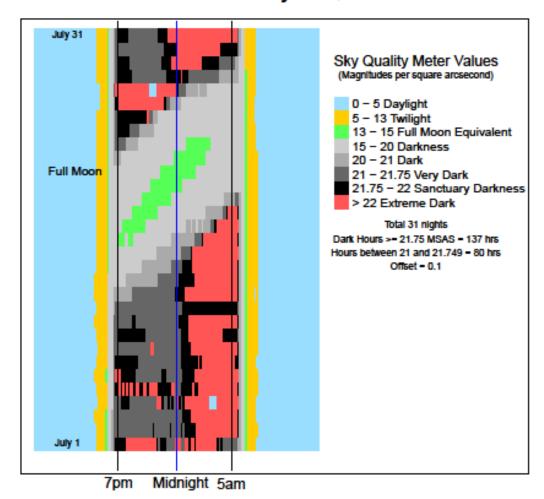
Raw data from the Sky Quality Meter

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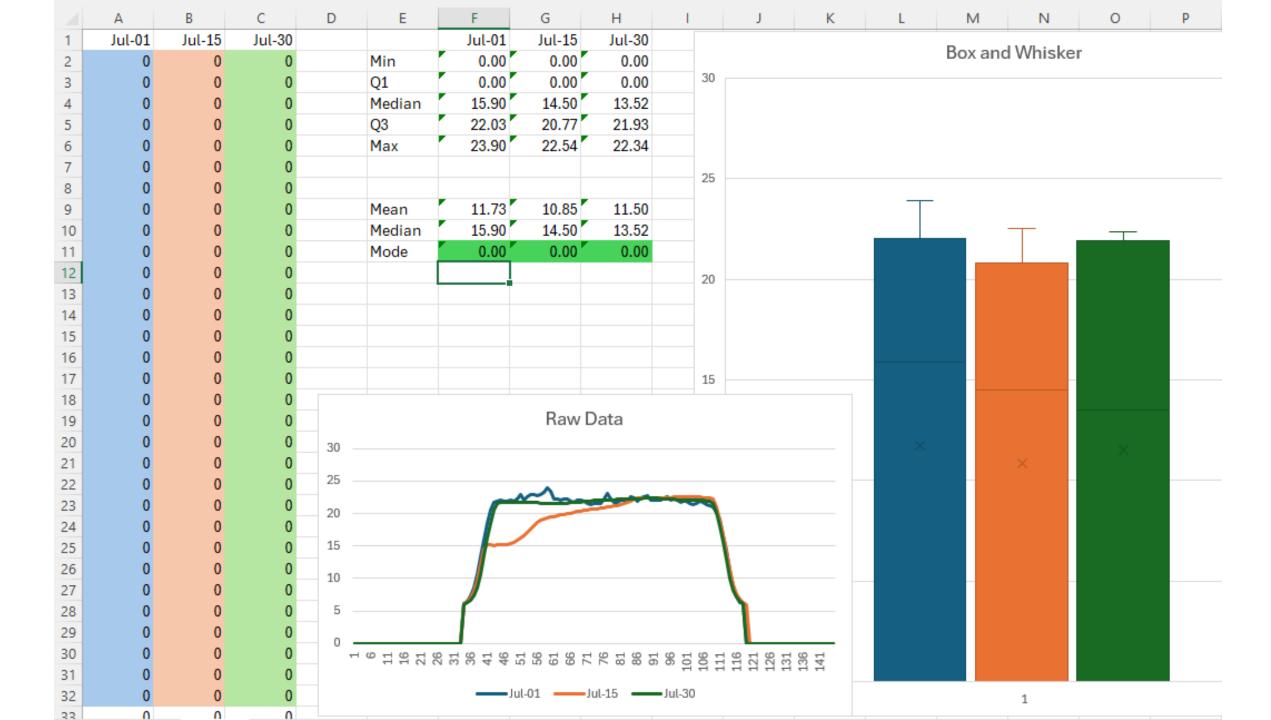
Sky Darkness Plot July 1 to July 31, 2024 Toowong SQM 1.0



Sky Darkness Plot July 1 to July 31, 2024 Dinosaur Canyon SQM 1.0



Time of Day Time of Day



What better engagement than dinosaurs and space to start young people thinking about light pollution?



