



YEAR-LEVEL PROGRAM

DESIGNED FOR LARGE GROUPS

RED CENTRE • CAPE YORK • HAWKESBURY

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Why a Year Level Program is right for your school



- 🌀 **Embedding Reconciliation into School Culture** - Because systemic change starts with shared experience. A Red Earth immersion for a full cohort creates a cultural shift that lasts well beyond the trip, moving reconciliation from intention to action.
- 🌀 **Deep Learning and Critical Thinking** - No opt-ins. No exclusivity. Every student gets access to a transformative experience that builds cultural understanding, emotional intelligence, humility, and empathy. Time on Country challenges them to listen deeply and reflect meaningfully.
- 🌀 **Community Partnership and Real-World Learning** - Red Earth immersions connect schools with remote First Nations communities in respectful, lasting, and reciprocal ways. The experience becomes a catalyst for richer learning across English, History, Geography, Civics, and more.
- 🌀 **Future-Ready Global Citizenship** - Students gain the intercultural understanding, adaptability, and ethical awareness needed to thrive in a diverse and changing world, skills essential for global citizenship and future leadership.
- 🌀 **Catalysing Whole-School Professional Growth** - Teachers grow too. Staff involved in the immersion journey develop their own cultural competence, leadership, and confidence to embed Indigenous perspectives meaningfully across the curriculum.

What makes Red Earth a great partner for schools?



Operating since 2011 and Trusted by 100+ schools



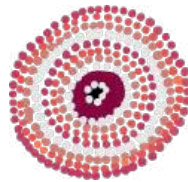
Our own programs, using our connections. We're *not* a travel agent



Working with young people is all we do



15 full-timers with 60 seasonal team members



Partnered with 40+ homelands for unique experiences



Specialists in Large Group programs



Trusted by 100+ schools for 15 years

Some of the schools we work with



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JOHN XXIII COLLEGE
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PRESENTATION COLLEGE



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Santa Sabina College



ROSEBANK COLLEGE



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KAMBALA



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Where and When?



Cape York: Reef & Rainforest

Duration: 5 or 6 Days

Numbers: 50 - 210 students

- Authentic cultural workshops with Traditional Owners
- Trek through the world's oldest living rainforest
- Snorkel the breathtaking Great Barrier Reef
- Accommodation: Mix of Dorms and Tents
- Flushing Toilets
- Hot Showers

Red Centre: Desert & Stars

Duration: 5 or 6 Days

Numbers: 50 - 175 students

- Uluru Creation Walk with Traditional Custodians
- Explore the epic landscape of Kings Canyon
- Explore Country with Traditional Owners, dig for grubs, learn language, cook bush foods, make clapsticks and jewellery, and share fireside stories with Traditional Owners.
- Accommodation: swags
- Flushing toilets
- Hot Showers

Hawkesbury: Sky & Story

Duration: 2 - 4 Days

Numbers: 50 - 210 students

- Weaving, clapstick making, bush medicine walks & traditional fishing —plus a rich array of cultural activities led by Traditional Owners
- Accommodation: Cabins nestled on the river
- Flushing Toilets
- Hot Showers

HAWKESBURY: SKY & STORY

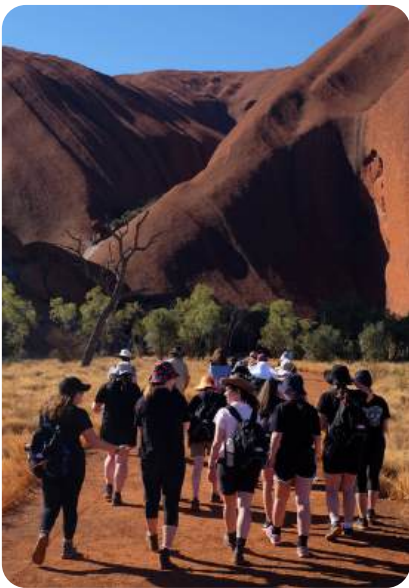
CAPE YORK: REEF & RAINFOREST

RED CENTRE: DESERT & STARS

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Immersion Overview

More than just a camp replacement, this immersive program offers a transformative experience for 50 to 210 students, combining expedition-style adventures with deeper engagement on First Nations homelands in striking locations like the Hawkesbury, Cape York, and the Red Centre. Each journey is thoughtfully designed to foster cultural learning, meaningful connections, and personal growth, giving students the chance to explore both the land and themselves while contributing through service.



Red Centre: Desert & Stars



Cape York: Reef & Rainforest



Hawkesbury: Sky & Story



\$1,790 + GST
per student



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per student



\$720 + GST
per student

- 🌀 **Ages** - Ideal replacement for camps in the Junior School or Middle School
- 🌀 **Tailored** - The program can be tailored with expedition-type activities or additional time on a First Nations homeland
- 🌀 **Connection** - Traditional Owners will join us throughout, guiding cultural activities by day and gathering with us by the fire at night.
- 🌀 **Duke of Edinburgh** - The Immersion can be set up to tick off the requirements for the Adventurous Journey of a Silver or Bronze Award

How it works

Small Groups

Students are divided into small groups to allow for more personal interaction, better safety, and deeper engagement with the facilitators, Traditional Owners (TOs), and peers. Small groups also allow for tailored learning and foster stronger bonds among participants.



Rotate through Different Activities

Each group rotates through a variety of hands-on, place-based cultural activities. These could include bushwalks, cultural workshops, environmental service projects, and storytelling sessions to ensure that every student experiences learning opportunities and contributes to community-led initiatives.



Hot Showers and Flushing Toilets

Despite being in remote or rugged settings, the camps are equipped with essential amenities to ensure comfort and hygiene. This helps students feel safe and supported, making it easier to focus on the immersive experience without being overwhelmed by basic living challenges.



Traditional Owners Sharing Stories Around the Fire at Night

Traditional Owners gather with students around the fire to share cultural knowledge, history, and personal stories. These intimate storytelling sessions are a cornerstone of the experience, creating powerful moments of learning and reflection on Country.



Case Study: Kambala School

All-Grade Cape York First Nations Immersion Program

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Kambala has been collaborating with Red Earth since 2019 to facilitate a whole grade program for our Year 9 students. We chose a cultural immersion to Cape York homelands as part of our programs. Ensuring **connections to knowledge and culture direct from Traditional Owners on Country** was an important aspect of this learning. It also enables us to extend our learning to **curriculum links for science, geography and history**. Students were able to reflect on the concepts of land ownership, gender roles, education systems, land conservation, intergenerational trauma, and preservation of culture and language.



Working with Red Earth provides our students with a program in a remote setting to **Homelands that aren't accessible outside this setting**. They have **experienced leaders** who know the remote area and know the community members, which allows the school to send teachers and students with peace of mind. Our students come away from the experience with an open mind and knowledge beyond the classroom walls that is **authentic and meaningful and lifelong**. ”

Joanne Sarmiento, Deputy Principal, Kambala



KAMBALA

Curriculum Links

- 🕒 **First Nations history and culture:** including traditional cultural ceremonies on private, permit protected remote Homelands and sacred site visits.
- 🕒 **Science and Geography:** UNSECO World Heritage area visits to the Great Barrier Reef and Wet Tropics, including engaging with First Nations guides and marine biologists.
- 🕒 **History:** Australian History, including Captain Cook and the First Fleet, as well as early colonial and settler history and stories of missions and the Stolen Generation
- 🕒 **Languages:** Students come away having learned some Kuku Yalanji or Guguu Yimithirr



Red Centre *Desert & Stars*

Iconic landmarks, prolific works of art and discovering stories that have been passed down for generations.



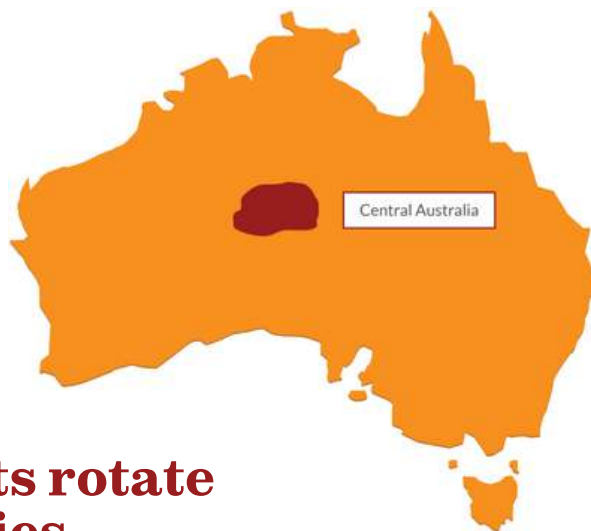
RED CENTRE

A place of powerful landscapes, deep cultural meaning, and ancient stories told through generations. Central Australia invites you into the heart of Country, where red desert meets rich tradition.

Why choose the Red Centre

- 🌀 Hear Tjukurpa (Dreaming stories) that explain the creation of the land and its features
- 🌀 Visit sacred sites such as rock holes, ochre pits, and important songline locations
- 🌀 Learn about bush tucker and desert survival skills from Aboriginal Elders
- 🌀 Sit by the fire and listen to stories shared through generations
- 🌀 Understand the challenges and strengths of remote community life
- 🌀 Discover the role of art in cultural expression, including dot painting and symbolism
- 🌀 Reflect beneath a canopy of stars in the stillness of the desert night

Red Centre: *Desert & Stars*



Subgroups of 25-30 students rotate through each day of activities

Day Three: Walking with the Ancestors



Hike the epic Rim Walk at Kings Canyon, take in the lushness of Kathleen Springs, and cool off with a swim before another night of fireside storytelling.

Day Four: Desert Knowledge at Karrake



Join hands-on workshops in dot painting, bush medicine, tool-making, and bird and plant knowledge, deepening your connection to Anangu ways of life.

Day Two: Hands in the Earth – Kurku & Sandy Bore

Receive a Traditional Owner welcome with a smoking ceremony, carve clapsticks, create desert jewellery, then head to Sandy Bore to explore bush foods, language, and local culture.

Day One: Welcome to Country

Arrive at Yulara and meet your Red Earth Leaders before heading to camp near Uluru. Settle into Country, take in a stunning desert sunset, and reflect around the fire with your group.

Alice Springs

Kings Canyon



Sandy Bore

Kurku

Day Five: Homeland Living

Return to Sandy Bore for a final day of immersion—cook kangaroo tails and damper, hike to a sacred lookout, and gather for a powerful yarn with Elders around the fire.

Day Six: Sunrise & Farewells

Greet your last desert morning with sunrise over Country, take time for group reflection, and begin your journey home carrying new wisdom and deep connection.

Uluru





Red Centre Itinerary 6 days



Students will be split into subgroups of 25

Example Itinerary for one of the subgroups for a 6 day itinerary

Day 1 – Fly to Yulara & explore Uluru

- ☉ Take a flight to Yulara
- ☉ Meet your Red Earth Leaders and help set up camp
- ☉ Enjoy a spectacular sunset and get your first glimpses of Uluru
- ☉ Enjoy dinner and reflections around the fire with the group

Day 2 – Kurku & Sandy Bore(Homeland Visit)

- ☉ Travel to Kurku Homeland by 4WD bus
- ☉ Meet the Traditional Owners and receive a smoking ceremony on arrival
- ☉ Learn about the significance of artefacts and make your own clap sticks
- ☉ Enjoy a jewellery workshop where you can create your own pieces
- ☉ Travel 5 minutes up the road to Sandy Bore
- ☉ Learn about traditional foods and cook your own damper over the campfire
- ☉ Dig for witchetty grubs and taste these desert delicacies!
- ☉ Experience a language lesson and learn Pitjantjatjara and Luritja words and phrases
- ☉ Travel back to Kings Creek station where we set up camp for the next three days.
- ☉ Enjoy dinner and reflections around the fire with the group

Day 3 – Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon) to Yulara

- ☉ Travel by Coach to Kings Creek Canyon
- ☉ Enjoy the spectacular 'Rim Walk' at Watarrka National Park
- ☉ Visit Kathleen Springs Walk on the way back to camp
- ☉ Travel back to camp and enjoy some time in the pool to cool down after a long day walking
- ☉ Dinner and reflections with the group



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Example Itinerary for one of the subgroups for a 6 day itinerary

Day 4 – Karrake Culture & Kathleen Springs

- ⑤ Head to Karrake Culture centre, just a short walk from Camp.
- ⑤ Groups will learn about Aboriginal bush medicine use, plant and bird knowledge, Aboriginal dot painting, weapon making (including spears and boomerangs), Bush tucker gathered seasonally and organic seeds.
- ⑤ Head back to Camp for lunch
- ⑤ Groups will have time to continue working on their clapsticks or jewellery from previous sessions.
- ⑤ In the afternoon the group will travel to Kathleen Springs for a beautiful sunset walk.
- ⑤ Dinner and reflections with the group

Day 5 – Sandy Bore (Homeland Visit)

- ⑤ Travel from Kings Creek Station to Sandy Bore by 4WD bus
- ⑤ Spend a morning on country exploring the Homeland, following a path to a beautiful lookout.
- ⑤ Learn about traditional foods and cook your own damper over the campfire
- ⑤ Dig for witchetty grubs and taste these desert delicacies!
- ⑤ Experience a language lesson and learn Pitjantjatjara and Luritja words and phrases
- ⑤ Cook kangaroo tails and damper in the traditional way over the fire
- ⑤ Travel back to Kings Creek station and enjoy dinner and reflections with the group.
- ⑤ Evening activity – Traditional owners from Sandy Bore & Kurku will join the groups for a yarn around the fireside

Day 6 – Farewells and Home

- ⑤ Make the most of your final morning with a sunrise over the stunning Country
- ⑤ Final debriefs and reflections
- ⑤ Travel by coach from Kings Creek station to Yulara
- ⑤ Fly home in the afternoon

Central Australia Curriculum Link Overview

First Nations culture and history is alive and pulsing in the Red Centre. Red Earth has partnerships with a dozen First Nations homelands in the Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara, and Luritja nations, each with their own rich cultural traditions, languages, and art forms. The richness of the natural environment together with direct First Nations experience makes for ideal tie-ins to curriculum priorities across many year levels.

Please see attached Appendix for our detailed curriculum links broken down activity by activity.

Geography and Environmental Studies

- Explore the unique desert environment of Central Australia, studying its landforms, climate, and biodiversity
- Learn about sustainability and environmental conservation efforts in arid regions
- Investigate the impact of human activities, including tourism and resource extraction, on the local ecosystem

Indigenous Histories and Cultures

- Delve into the rich cultural heritage of the Indigenous peoples of Central Australia, including their traditional knowledge, languages, and art forms
- Examine the historical and ongoing significance of sacred sites like Uluru and Kata Tjuta to Indigenous communities
- Foster respect, understanding, and reconciliation through engagement with Indigenous perspectives and experiences

History and Social Studies

- Study the history of Central Australia, including Indigenous occupation, European exploration, and the development of settlements like Alice Springs
- Analyze the impacts of colonization, government policies, and social movements on the region's Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations
- Explore contemporary issues facing Central Australian communities, such as health disparities, education access, and cultural preservation

Language and Communication

- Learn about Indigenous languages spoken in Central Australia, such as Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara, and Luritja, and their cultural significance
- Develop language skills through immersion experiences, interactions with local communities, and study of Indigenous oral traditions and storytelling

Cross-Curriculum Priorities (CCPs)

- Address CCPs such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Sustainability, and Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia, integrating them into various learning areas
- Foster global citizenship and intercultural understanding through engagement with diverse perspectives and experiences in Central Australia



Red Centre Pricing

***All Prices are ex GST and ex flights**

STUDENTS	DAYS	PRICES
175+	5	\$1,790
	6	\$1,970
100-175	5	\$1,790
	6	\$2,150
60-100	5	\$1,790
	6	\$2,150
50-59	5	\$2,060
	6	\$2,420
Homeland Stay	Add 3 days	+ \$890

Please note that for programs

- With more than 120 students, the 5-day program will need to see groups split into two 5-day groups (eg. half students arrive on Monday, and half of the students arrive on Wednesday)
- With more than 120 students, the 6-day program can be run altogether but will attract a higher slightly higher price without a stagger



CAPE YORK *Reef & Rainforest*

Snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring ancient rainforests, learning bush medicine, and sharing stories by the campfire with Traditional Owners.



A remote and powerful region steeped in tradition, Cape York is where rainforest, reef, and rich Indigenous culture converge in spectacular harmony.

Why choose Cape York?

- 🕒 Learn about totems, kinship systems, and strong cultural protocols in the region
- 🕒 Explore important sites such as shell middens, rock art galleries, and ceremonial grounds
- 🕒 Participate in weaving, spear-making, and other traditional practices
- 🕒 Understand the impact of colonisation and the resilience of Cape York communities
- 🕒 Discover the connection between rainforest, river, and sea Country
- 🕒 Experience the importance of song, dance, and ceremony in everyday life
- 🕒 Engage in meaningful conversations around community, culture, and future generations

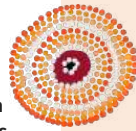


Cape York Reef & Rainforest



Day Three: Culture under the Stars

Participate in hands-on workshops with cultural educators, learning crafts, songs, and stories. End the day by the fire with a night of shared storytelling.



Great Barrier Reef

Day Four: Sea Country

Spend the day exploring two outer reef sites and learn about marine life and Aboriginal sea Country from First Nations guides



Day Two: Walking with Wisdom

Trek through Danbulla National Park with budsubura Yidinji Indigenous facilitators. Discover ancient trees, boundaries of country, and cool off at Davies Creek Falls before camping under the stars.



Danbulla National Park

Cairns

Day Five: Wetland Conservation

Support Cape York Partnership's conservation projects. Roll up your sleeves to help preserve country, then return for a final celebration.



Day One: Welcome to Country

Arrive in the Atherton Tablelands and settle into camp with Traditional Owners from Cape York. Learn about their culture and prepare for the journey ahead.




Atherton Tablelands

Day Six: Farewell, But Not Goodbye

Say goodbye to friends and First Nations facilitators who shared their wisdom. Return home with a deeper understanding of culture, nature, and yourself.





Cape York Itinerary 6 days



Students will be split into subgroups of 25


Example Itinerary for one of the subgroups for a 6 day itinerary

Day One: The Journey Begins

- ☉ Begin your adventure with an early morning flight to Cairns, enjoying a breathtaking sunrise from above.
- ☉ Meet your Red Earth Leaders at the airport before embarking on a scenic bus journey over the ranges to our base camp –soak in the changing landscapes along the way.
- ☉ Receive a heartfelt Welcome to Country from Traditional Owners, marking the start of your adventure and immersion into Cape York and Far North Queensland
- ☉ Set up camp on Country and settle into the beauty of the land
- ☉ The grade will be split into their groups and into different areas at base camp.
- ☉ Meet the Traditional Owners of the land and Cultural Educators, that have travelled down from Cape York and who will be staying with you for the duration of your experience.
- ☉ Nightly reflections on camp and dinner in your groups.

Day Two: Atherton Tablelands Cultural Journey

- ☉ Transfer to the Atherton Tablelands for a warm Mbabaram welcome and a guided cultural bushwalk.
- ☉ Learn about the uses of native plants for food, medicine, and bushcraft, and the impacts of mining and colonisation on the community.
- ☉ Hear how cultural knowledge is being revived through intergenerational efforts and research.
- ☉ View photos, tools, and artefacts, and enjoy a demonstration of didgeridoo crafting and playing techniques.
- ☉ Participate in an Aboriginal dot art workshop, learning the meaning of symbols and painting your own artwork to take home.
- ☉ Visit the Cathedral Fig Tree in Danbulla National Park and receive a welcome from Bundaburra-Yidinji guides.
- ☉ Learn about clan boundaries, cultural customs, and the tree's role in community and ecological history.
- ☉ Visit Davies Creek Falls for an afternoon swim before heading to another site for an overnight with camp cooking and dinner with Cultural Educators from Cape York who will be staying with the group.
- ☉ Spend the evening under the stars, around the campfire and the night under canvas.



Cape York Itinerary 6 days



Day Four: Cultural Workshop with First Nations Educators

- ☉ Spend the whole day connecting and learning from Cultural educator at camp.
- ☉ Learning traditional skills and crafts passed down for thousands of years such as, painting, weaving, artefact making.
- ☉ Walk of country learning the traditional knowledge of the local fauna and hearing stories.
- ☉ After spending the day with the cultural educators prepare, cook, and enjoy a bush dinner together prepared in a traditional way.
- ☉ Enjoy an evening by the fire, under the stars hearing stories from the cultural educators.

Day Three: Great Barrier Reef Snorkelling

- ☉ After an early breakfast we will transfer the short distance to the Marina
- ☉ Spend a full day on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring two outer reef sites.
- ☉ Learn from marine biologists and Indigenous cultural guides, gaining insight into reef ecosystems and Aboriginal sea Country.
- ☉ Enjoy a buffet lunch and guided snorkelling sessions before returning to base camp late in the afternoon after a huge day out on the ocean.

Day Five: Community Projects & Conservation

- ☉ Join in a full day of community service, including mangrove rehabilitation, marshland research, ranger shadowing, and conservation projects, in collaboration with the Cape York Partnership.
- ☉ We will transfer out to the different sites and take part in hands-on meaningful projects that will leave a lasting impact on the community and the environment.
- ☉ Return to camp in the early afternoon for an all-grade water experience on the Lake and group challenge.
- ☉ All grade dinner and final reflections and presentations.

Day Six : Farewell

- ☉ Depart for flights home from Cairns, filled with memories, knowledge, and new connections made.



Cape York Curriculum Link Overview

Cape York is a place where ancient culture meets living tradition. In partnership with homelands of the Guugu Yimidhirr and Kuku Yalanji peoples, Red Earth offers students the chance to engage with First Nations communities who maintain deep and ongoing connections to Country. From rainforest to reef, stories are woven into every part of the landscape, shared through language, art, ceremony, and daily life. These authentic experiences provide powerful links to learning, enriching students' understanding of history, culture, and the environment across a range of subject areas.

Please see attached Appendix for our detailed curriculum links broken down activity by activity.

Geography and Environmental Studies – Cape York

- 🌀 Explore the tropical landscapes of Cape York, from rainforest to coastline, and their biodiversity
- 🌀 Learn how Traditional Owners build and adapt shelters like gunyahs using local materials
- 🌀 Investigate traditional environmental knowledge and sustainability practices

Indigenous Histories and Cultures – Cape York

- 🌀 Engage with Guugu Yimidhirr and Kuku Yalanji cultures through storytelling, dance, and traditional tools
- 🌀 Visit sacred rock art sites and learn how oral traditions and social structures are passed down
- 🌀 Understand the cultural importance of ochre, artefacts, and ceremonial practices

History and Social Studies – Cape York

- 🌀 Hear first-hand accounts of colonisation, displacement, and life on missions like Cape Bedford
- 🌀 Explore the impacts of Christianity, assimilation, and forced name changes on cultural identity
- 🌀 Discuss repatriation, burial practices, and the continuity of ancient cultural protocols

Language and Communication – Cape York

- 🌀 Participate in campfire yarning and oral storytelling traditions
- 🌀 Learn how language, music, and dance are used to preserve culture and convey knowledge

Cross-Curriculum Priorities (CCPs)

- 🌀 Address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures through immersive, on-Country learning
- 🌀 Foster sustainability and intercultural understanding through direct engagement with Traditional Owners



Cape York Pricing

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PAX	DAYS	PRICE/pp
151-210	5	\$1,790
	6	\$1,970
121-150	5	\$1,790
	6	\$1970
76-120	5	\$1,790
	6	\$2,060
50-75	5	\$1,790
	6	\$2,150
Homeland Stay	Add 3 days	+\$890

Please note that for the 150 pax + programs, the experience must be split into two separate 5-day blocks. For example the first half of the students (e.g. 100) will begin the program on Monday, and the second half (another 100 students) will begin two days later on Wednesday.



HAWKESBURY: *Sky & Story*

A beautiful historic area with rich culture and unmapped sacred sites on the Hawkesbury river. Only one hour out of Sydney at a private and a secluded location just waiting to be discovered.



HAWKESBURY

A beautiful historic area with rich culture and unmapped sacred sites on the Hawkesbury river. Only hours out of Sydney at a private and secluded location just waiting to be discovered.

Why choose Hawkesbury?

- 🕒 Spend time amongst the sandstone escarpments along the Hawkesbury River (Deerubbin) and learn about First Nations cultural and knowledge of the area
- 🕒 Visit ancient rock engravings telling ancient stories of people and place
- 🕒 Visit the old Parramatta Gaol for a history tour with Indigenous perspectives
- 🕒 Learn about bush tucker and medicine in the Sydney region
- 🕒 Explore the geography of the area, including the Aboriginal reserve
- 🕒 Experience ceremony and it's significance in community
- 🕒 Discover sky country and it's stories of ancestors
- 🕒 Enjoy the beauty of the river and unique wildlife

Hawkesbury *Sky and Story*



Day Three: Art, Rhythm & Reflection

Craft your own clapsticks and learn their cultural meaning, then paint using traditional techniques, reflect on your journey, and prepare for the Departing Ceremony with the guidance of local hosts.



Hawkesbury River

Deerubbin

Day Two: Bush Walk & River Life

Hike with local guides to explore bush medicine, native foods, and Country's geography, then fish in the river, swim in the afternoon sun, and close the day with a yarning circle and Indigenous storytelling.



Day Four: Sunrise & Sacred Stories

Watch the sun rise from the land's high point before participating in a powerful Departing Ceremony and a final visit to a sacred site few outsiders ever see, closing your journey with gratitude and deep connection.



Day One: The Journey Begins

Travel from Sydney to Parramatta Gaol to uncover ancient engravings and rich cultural stories, then continue to the serene Hawkesbury River for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony before gathering around the fire for stories under the stars.





Hawkesbury Itinerary 4 Days



Students will be split into subgroups of 25

Example Itinerary for one of the subgroups for a 4 day itinerary

Day 1 - The Journey Begins - travel to Deerubbin

- Meet your Red Earth driver and your leader at a Sydney location of your choosing
- Drive to Old Parramatta Gaol to be welcomed by Indigenous facilitators from the Deerubbin area
- Discover ancient rock engraving within the gaol walls, and learn about the rich Indigenous history of the area
- Continue the journey to the Hawkesbury River, arriving at our destination: Deerubbin
- Gather for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with local Indigenous facilitators
- Walk the land and learn about the geographical significance and history of the Deerubbin site through the eyes of the local Indigenous community
- Settle in and take in the picturesque location
- Dinner with Dreamtime and contemporary Indigenous stories by the fire, sleep in the comfort of glamping tents and accommodation

Day 2- Bush Medicine and Bush Tucker Hike

- Travel to a nearby site for a guided hike learning about the geography of the area, traditional bush medicine and bush tucker
- After lunch, it's fishing time! Try to catch your dinner
- Free time to cool off and swim in the Hawkesbury River
- Enjoy the colours of the evening sunset over the valley
- Join in on a yarning circle by the fire and hear stories from our Indigenous hosts

Day 3 - Clap-stick Making and Painting Workshops

- Spend the morning learning the ancient craft of clap-stick making, and learn about their cultural significance for the area
- Learn traditional painting methods and put them into practice on your very own canvas to take home with you
- Prepare for the Departing Ceremony with a special task given to us by our Indigenous facilitators
- Free time to enjoy the Hawkesbury River
- Enjoy dinner with Dreamtime and contemporary stories by the fire



Hawkesbury Itinerary 4 Days



Itineraries are subject to change. We provide a final itinerary a week before your immersion which considers factors such as weather, Homeland availability and road accesses which may have changed right before your travel. After receiving a final itinerary please know that changes during immersion can be common due to similar factors.

Example Itinerary for one of the subgroups for a 4 day itinerary

Day 4 - Final Day

- ☉ Wake up early and walk to the top of the land to see the colours of the sunrise
- ☉ Draw a close on your time at Deerubbin with a sacred Departing Ceremony, one you have been preparing for since the beginning of the journey
- ☉ Accompany our Indigenous hosts to a sacred site unknown to most for a final intimate story about the area
- ☉ Final goodbye to community members and your Red Earth leader before your return journey to your initial pick up spot

Hawkesbury Pricing

***All Prices are ex GST**

PAX	DAYS	PRICE/pp
50-99	2	\$850
	3	\$1,075
	4	\$1,310
100-149	2	\$740
	3	\$960
	4	\$1,180
150-199	2	\$710
	3	\$890
	4	\$1,140
200+	2	\$720
	3	\$880
	4	\$1,150



Case Study: Seymour College

All-Grade First Nations Immersion Program



Seymour College has partnered closely with Red Earth. **All students and staff developed a deeper and more nuanced appreciation for First Nations culture after time spent on Country with Traditional Owners.** Every student made new connections with other students and strengthened existing ones. Every student was awed and thrilled by the wild, vivid landscape and captivating wildlife they encountered on their immersion. All our students rose to their own personal challenges with a willingness to learn and help others.



The support provided by Red Earth in the lead up was outstanding: extensive and constant. Practically speaking, **the logistics, communications, risk management and transportation provided by Red Earth were critically important and made our three immersions run remarkably smoothly.**

Taking a whole cohort away has long-term beneficial effects on the culture, coherence and dynamics of that year group, giving the students a clear, collective narrative which strengthens their own understanding of their school journey. **Our students thrived in the outdoors, learnt much from Traditional Owners, looked after one another and leant into this immersion.** This is a trip students cannot take with their families and we are so pleased that we can, with Red Earth, make this possible for our students.

Georgy Jureidini, Head of Barr Smith Campus, Seymour College



Curriculum Links

- 🕒 **First Nations history and culture:** including traditional cultural ceremonies on private, permit protected remote Homelands and sacred site visits.
- 🕒 **Science and Geography:** Visiting UNESCO World Heritage Listed Kakadu National Park and engaging with Traditional Owners on their relationship with varying ecosystems, including learning about the unique wildlife in the Top End Region.
- 🕒 **History:** Australian history including Darwin Park, Darwin's involvement in WWII, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service



SAFETY

Please refer to our Risk Mitigation Appendix for a more details on our Risk and Compliance Strategy.

- 🕒 We stay in fenced-off areas on campsites away from the centres of towns
- 🕒 There will be at least one Red Earth team member for every 15 students
- 🕒 Immersion Leaders are professionally trained and certified in remote area first-aid, 4WD off-road driving, and hold water rescue certification for swimming activities
- 🕒 A remote first-aid kit, satellite device, emergency location beacon, and 4WD vehicle accompany the group
- 🕒 Our partner Traditional Owners and Elders will be guiding all cultural activities and community projects with their wealth of local knowledge
- 🕒 A safety briefing is held each morning to remind students of the potential dangers involved in the day's activities and locations
- 🕒 All safety equipment will be provided for use on cultural activities
- 🕒 All communities have medical centres nearby with healthcare professionals on call 24/7 in case of emergencies
- 🕒 For life-threatening emergencies, operations are passed on to emergency services and the Royal Flying Doctors Service which operates in the area



FAQs

- 🕒 **Can we make suggestions to amend the itineraries or introduce new elements to the program?** Yes, of course. We want you to shape the itineraries to get the desired educational outcomes for your students. We view ourselves as trusted advisors and facilitators here to help you achieve a tailored program for your school.
- 🕒 **How do Elders and Traditional Owners feel about people coming onto their land? Will we be intruding?** We are an organisation driven by our First Nations partners in the Homelands of remote Australia. Our mission is to give First Nations people the help they need if they wish to welcome and open the hearts of young Australians to their country, culture, and way of life. We only make our resources available if we're asked to help. Traditional Owners are the ones that decide if and when people should come onto their land, not us.
- 🕒 **What amenities are available and what are we sleeping in?** Tents and swags will be provided for all staff. Tents will be available for students to change in case of wet weather. All students will have swags. The whole group will enjoy flushing toilets and hot showers everywhere we stay.
- 🕒 **What food will be available?** While there will be opportunities for the group to forage bush foods, there will be fresh food deliveries throughout the immersion with a focus on big healthy meals. We cater for every kind of dietary requirement and expect students and staff to participate in the preparation of food.
- 🕒 **What is the pre-departure program like?** Red Earth takes its responsibility to ensure that each person attending an immersion gives, grows and leads very seriously. We design a pre-departure program tailored for your specific region and itinerary and will meet with the group twice in the lead-up to departure to ensure everyone is prepared for the journey ahead.
- 🕒 **Will we be safe?** We take safety very seriously, and it informs every aspect of an immersion. You can read more about our approach to safety on our website at <https://www.redearth.edu.au/safety/>
- 🕒 **Could there be variations to our itinerary?** Changes to your proposed itinerary and activities are likely and part of travelling to remote First Nations communities. The availability of our partner Homelands may change for practical or cultural reasons, but conversations and personal connection with Traditional Owners and their families are at the heart of all Red Earth immersions. Our strong network of partner Homelands means we can guarantee an authentic experience with deep connections regardless of where your group travels.



Group Size

50-220 students

School Staff

For every 15 students, 1 school staff may travel free of charge. Additional staff may be added at the student price. Any flight prices quoted will include additional costs for traveling teachers.

Insurance

Staff and students may be covered by your school's insurance policy, and we encourage you to seek out the policy details to inform families before the Parent Information Night.. As this is a domestic program, Australian residents will be covered by Medicare. Red Earth does not provide insurance for participants or school staff.

Medical Forms

All participants/parents/guardians of participants must complete an online medical form. The login details for your secure online portal will be provided by your Red Earth Relationship Manager after the initial deposits have been paid.

Participant Health

Schools and/or students and/or guardians may be required to declare that participants are in sufficiently good health at the time of travel.

Flights Policy

At the time of the proposal, the client will be provided with the ground price (the immersion excluding flights). The school has the option to book their own group flights and would be responsible for being at the destination airport at the time indicated on their itinerary in the Proposal.

Red Earth has pre-existing supplier arrangements and years of experience booking group flights to make the process smooth if you prefer this option.

An indication of flight prices can be provided which is only reflective of our experience with group bookings and historic airline pricing.

If you choose Red Earth to book flights, upon receipt of the 1st deposit Red Earth will provide you with a quote for flights. Upon confirmation of the quote, Red Earth will secure flight bookings. Flight market prices vary from week to week and Red Earth have no control of locking in a quote with an airline until the week that a deposit is received from the client.

Payment Conditions and Schedule

Participants will pay the cost of the immersion to their school, which will then pay Red Earth directly. The standard payment schedule below is applicable unless a different schedule has been agreed to by Red Earth prior to the Information Night:

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Initial Deposit - 25% of the total fee to secure your group booking within 21 days of accepting this proposal

Second payment - 25% per paying participant 16 weeks after the deposit due date

Final Balance - Balance of the Immersion price (50 % of ground costs plus airfares if applicable) 12 weeks before immersion commencement.



Inclusions

Red Earth organises everything from start to finish. The immersion fee includes:

- ☺ If you choose Red Earth to book flights: Upon receipt of the 1st deposit, Red Earth will provide you with a quote for flights and any applicable accommodation if you choose a Red Eye flight. Upon confirmation of the quote, Red Earth will secure flight bookings for return airfares from a major city to the nearest medium-sized airport. Flight market prices vary from week to week, and Red Earth has no control of locking in a quote with an airline until the week that a deposit is received from the client.
- ☺ For every 15 students, 1 school staff member may travel free of charge (ground costs only)
- ☺ One Red Earth staff member for every 15 students to look after the campsite, liaise with the community, uphold safety standards and help lead cultural activities
- ☺ Use of private, exclusive lands and use of campgrounds
- ☺ All cultural activities led by Traditional Owners, including the equipment needed for the activities
- ☺ All tourism activities
- ☺ All ground transport with experienced drivers for the duration of the immersion
- ☺ Camping and cooking equipment
- ☺ Individual swags
- ☺ Tents for teachers and for getting changed
- ☺ Three nutritious meals a day plus snacks
- ☺ An information session for the student cohort
- ☺ An information evening for students and parents
- ☺ Pre-departure sessions facilitated by Red Earth, including all material and documentation for travelling students and staff
- ☺ An online portal for staff and students with learning resources and information about your immersion
- ☺ Red Earth merchandise, including a journal, hoodie, and hat
- ☺ A comprehensive risk mitigation strategy has been prepared for the school
- ☺ Permits and entry fees
- ☺ Insurance for leaders, volunteers and Public Liability Insurance for third parties (this does not include insurance for school students and staff)

The following are not included:

- ☺ Travel insurance for students (domestic travel is normally covered under your school's policy)
- ☺ The money students raise as part of fundraising activities (for a community investment or hands-on project)
- ☺ Souvenirs and purchases (including food) made at airports and on flights

Red Earth Cancellation Policy Region: Central Australia

For individual students or groups who choose to cancel for any reason, the following Red Earth cancellation policy applies. This includes (but is not limited to) a group or student not attending due to injury or illness, and a COVID-19 diagnosis.

- ☺ Cancelling between due dates for the Deposit and Second Payment will result in the forfeiture of the deposit amount.
- ☺ Cancelling between due dates for the Second Payment and Balance will result in the forfeiture of the deposit plus 50% of the second payment.
- ☺ Cancelling between the due date for the Balance and the Date of Departure will result in the forfeiture of the deposit, the second payment and 50% of the final balance.
- ☺ Cancelling on or after the Date of Departure, or failing to join the group without notice, will result in the forfeiture of 100% of the fee paid.

Please note changes such as student substitutions, adding new students etc. can not be made later than 4 weeks prior to departure. Until initial deposit payment is received, costs are subject to change at the discretion of Red Earth.



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