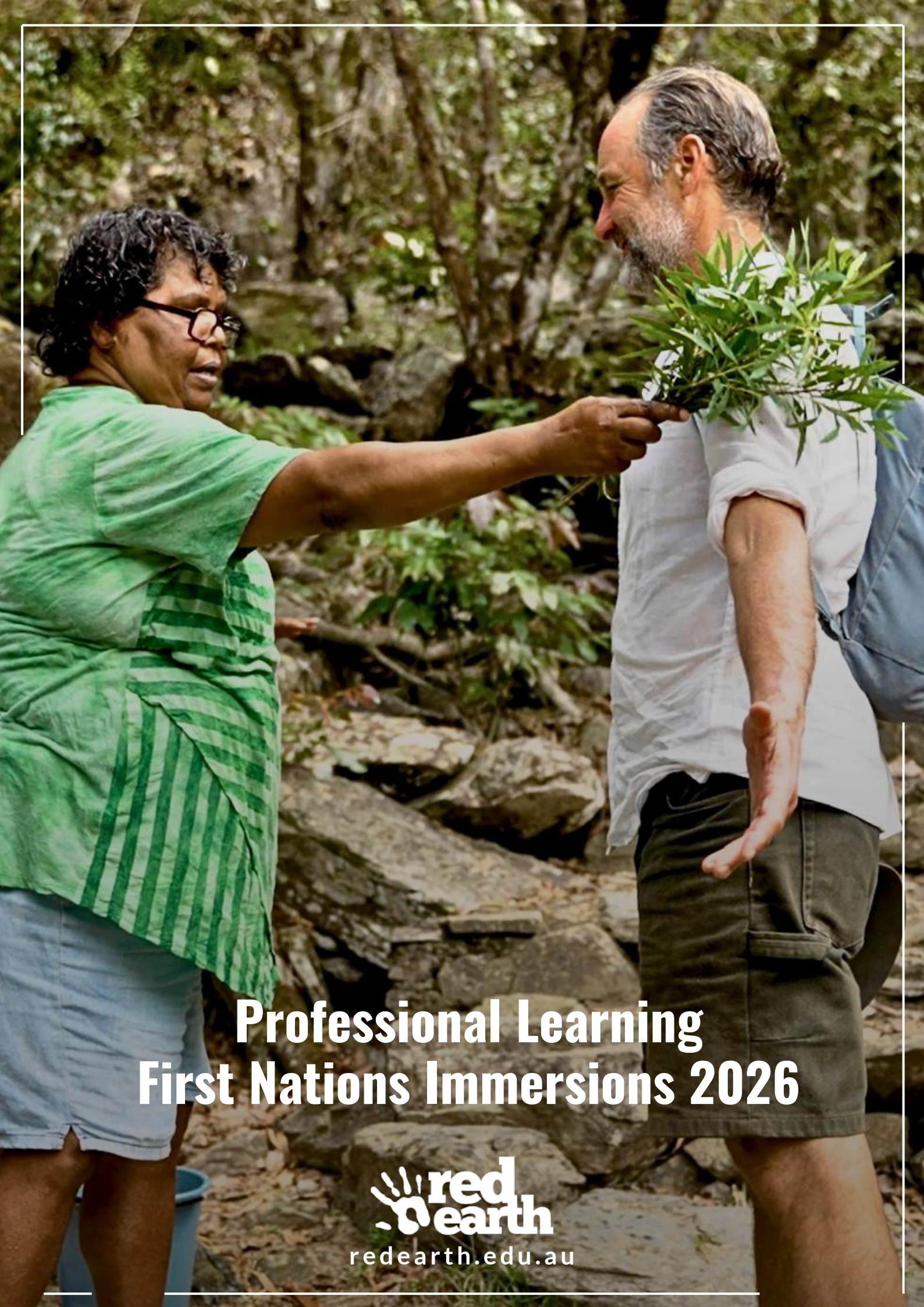


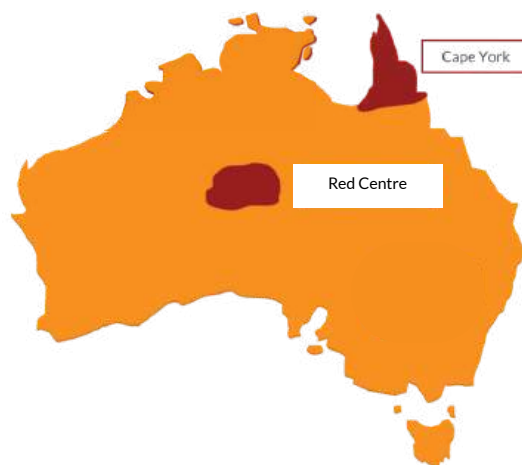
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Professional Learning First Nations Immersions 2026

Connecting Cultures and Experiencing Life on Country in 2026

Are you ready to take part in a journey that goes beyond the classroom and deep into the heart of Australia's remote homelands?

Join us in either or both April and July 2026 for an unforgettable immersion in the Red Centre or Cape York, two of the most culturally rich and breathtaking regions in Australia. You'll stay in privately held, remote homelands that are inaccessible outside of this setting and witness the impact of Red Earth programs firsthand.



CAPE YORK IMMERSION

Saturday, 4th July to Friday, 10th July 2026

RED CENTRE IMMERSION

Saturday, 11th April to Friday, 17th April 2026



During your immersion, you'll have the opportunity to:

- 🍷 Make meaningful, authentic connections with First Nations Australians living on their own land
- 🍷 Learn about language, land, and culture from Elders and Traditional Owners
- 🍷 See a Red Earth immersion come together on the ground for planning future student programs
- 🍷 Take your unique experience back to your school to filter through the faculty and culture
- 🍷 See how service learning immersions for school students are contributing to the sustainability of remote homelands and communities in far-flung corners of Australia

Heavily Subsidised Immersion. Limited Places Available!

Red Centre

Saturday 11 April to Friday 17 April, 2026

Length: 7 Days



DAY 1 Yulara (Uluru)

- 🌀 Fly into Yulara and meet your Red Earth Leaders
- 🌀 Visit the Cultural Centre to learn about the cultural and spiritual significance of Uluru and Kata-Tjuta
- 🌀 Settle into camp and share your first evening reflection around the fire

DAY 2

Mala Walk and Kata Tjuta

- 🌀 Take part in the Mala Walk at the base of Uluru, hearing stories of its creation and significance
- 🌀 Visit Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and walk through the Valley of the Winds or Walpa Gorge
- 🌀 Reflect on the deep spiritual connection to Country and the role of place in cultural learning
- 🌀 Evening reflection and preparation for the journey into community



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DAYS 3-4 **Homeland & Wattarka**

- 🎯 Travel to your first Homeland where you will be welcomed by the Traditional Owners
- 🎯 Listen to Dreaming stories and learn their cultural importance
- 🎯 Engaging in cultural workshops (weaving, art, spear throwing, music)
- 🎯 Discuss the challenges and opportunities facing remote communities
- 🎯 Reflect on how to integrate Indigenous perspectives into classroom teaching
- 🎯 Visit the Beautiful Wattarka National Park and walk around the Rim of Kings Canyon
- 🎯 Spend Night 3 on the Homeland and Night 4 at Kings Creek Station

DAY 5-6 **Second Homeland**

- 🎯 Travel to your second homeland where you will be welcomed to country by the Traditional Owners
- 🎯 Participate in activities such as:
- 🎯 Foraging for bush tucker and preparing traditional foods
- 🎯 Collecting and using bush medicine
- 🎯 Connect to the natural landscape with cultural teachings and perspectives

DAY 7 **Return Home**

- 🎯 Make the most of your final morning with a sunrise over the stunning Country
- 🎯 Fly home from Alice Springs



Cape York

Saturday 4 July to Friday 10 July, 2026

Length: 7 Days



DAY 1 Welcome to Country

- 🌀 Be picked up from the airport or Cairns and travel to a remote Homeland community
- 🌀 Receive a Welcome to Country and hear local stories of Country and culture
- 🌀 Settle in and share an evening reflection around the fire

DAY 2 Living and Learning on Country

- 🌀 Spend a full day immersed in Homeland life
- 🌀 Participate in cultural learning activities with Traditional Owners, exploring language, art, and bush knowledge
- 🌀 Learn about daily life, connection to land, and the responsibilities of caring for Country
- 🌀 Evening yarning circle and reflection session with educators and hosts



DAY 3 **Rock Art and Country**

- ☉ Travel to a different homeland for a Rock Art Tour guided by Traditional Owners
- ☉ Hear stories of the ancient art sites and their significance
- ☉ Spend time fishing and learning about traditional food practices
- ☉ Reflect on the role of storytelling, sustainability, and place-based education
- ☉ Return to camp for an evening reflection around the fire



DAY 4

Hope Vale Community and Cultural Expression

- ☉ Visit the Hope Vale community and connect with local educators and leaders
- ☉ Explore the Arts Centre, local Church, and community initiatives that strengthen cultural identity
- ☉ Reflect on community resilience and the role of education in reconciliation



DAY 5 **Atherton Tablelands and Yidinji Country**

- ☉ Travel south to the Atherton Tablelands
- ☉ Meet Yidinji Indigenous cultural educators for a Welcome to Country and guided tour through Danbulla National Park
- ☉ Learn about the region's cultural, spiritual, and environmental significance
- ☉ Reflect on how Indigenous ecological knowledge can inform classroom practice
- ☉ Overnight stay at Lake Tinaroo

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DAY 6 Great Barrier Reef

- 🌀 Travel south after your time on Country for another adventure that awaits. We can explore this amazing region on a full-day snorkelling tour on the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Great Barrier Reef. This incredible area will be brought further to life by your marine biologist and cultural guides, who will accompany you on board.
- 🌀 Learn about traditional reef management and the intersection of culture and conservation
- 🌀 Stay overnight at the Colonial Club and share a final group reflection

DAY 7 Return Home

- 🌀 Visit the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and Red Earth HQ
- 🌀 Final reflection and closing circle
- 🌀 Transfer to Cairns Airport for flights home





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Professional Learning First Nations Immersions



RED CENTRE IMMERSION

Saturday, 11th April to Friday, 17th April 2026

\$1,850 per person



CAPE YORK IMMERSION

Saturday, 4th July to Friday, 10th July 2026

\$1,600 per person



TO REGISTER:

Scan the QR Code or click [here](#)



FAQ

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 open the hearts and minds of visitors 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 who decide if and when people should come onto their land, not us.

What information will I get before I take off?

Red Earth takes its responsibility to ensure that each person attending an immersion is culturally and practically prepared very seriously. We have designed an online portal for this professional development trip tailored for your specific itinerary. You will be able to read up on the history of the area and the specific communities you will visit, read profiles of the Elders and Traditional Owners who will be hosting you, and look up useful information like packing lists and weather charts. You will also receive packing lists for all the gear you will need to bring.

What amenities are available? Will there be showers and bathrooms?

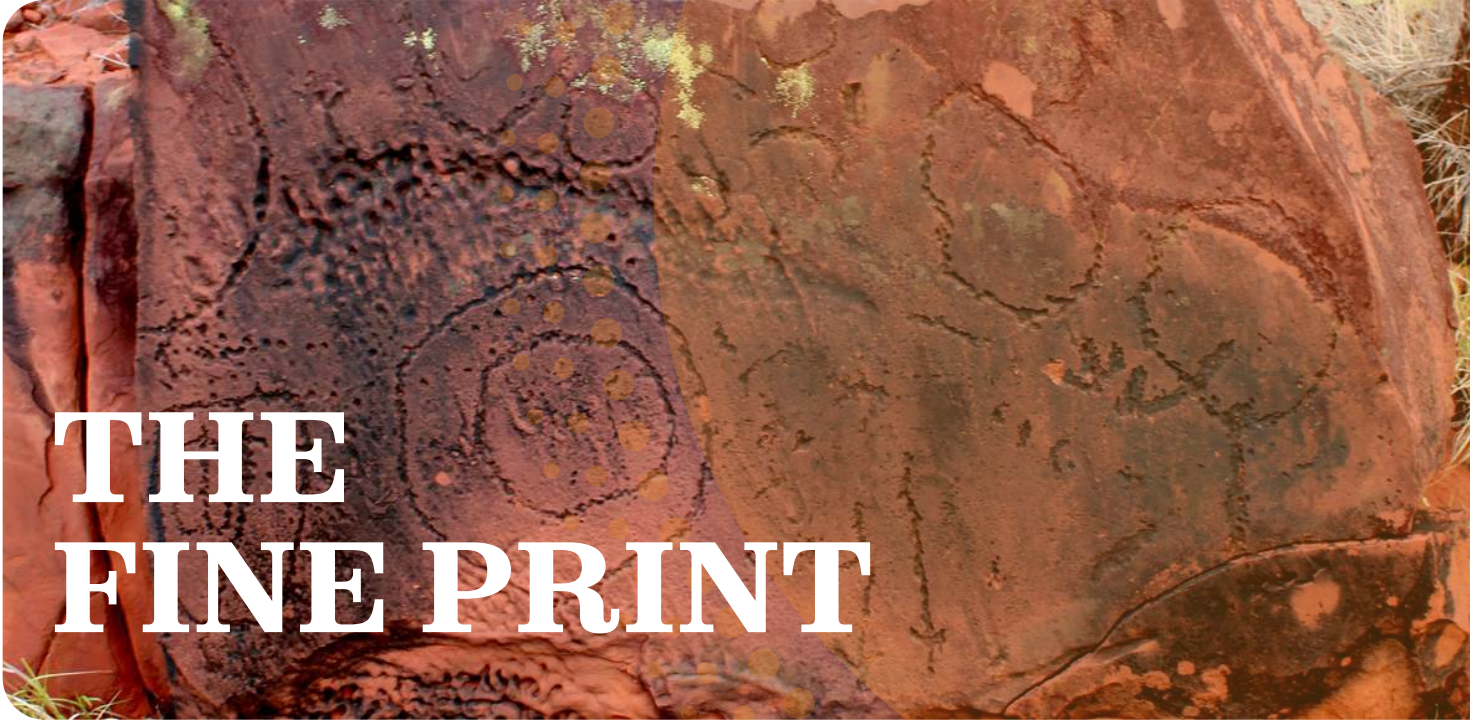
We will have access to showers and flushing or drop toilets every day. It won't be like your bathroom at home, but will be enough to make the experience comfortable.

What food will be available?

While there will be opportunities for you to forage for bush foods, we bring all the catering equipment and meals with us. We will have fresh fruit and vegetables and healthy meals throughout the trip. We cater for every kind of dietary requirement and encourage participants to lend a hand in the kitchen. You can bring some food of your own too, but please note this is a 100% nut-free immersion.

Is this trip accredited professional development?

No, this trip is not accredited by any peak teaching or education body. This immersion is designed to allow educators to have first-hand experiences of traditional First Nations culture by spending time on-Country with Elders and Traditional Owners. We hope you will come away from the week having made personal connections with people you may otherwise never have met, and keen to integrate the unique experience into your approach in the classroom. We also aim to give participants an understanding of Red Earth and our immersions, designed for small and large groups. While there are no obligations, we hope you will want to create a program within your school to enable students to have a similar experience to the one you had!



THE FINE PRINT

- You will need to get yourself to the starting city for the group pick up as per your region's itinerary
- Spots on the immersion are limited and Red Earth reserves the right to limit participation to 1 spot per school
- Flights are not included in the immersion fee
- Accommodation outside of the immersion dates is not included in the immersion fee
- In Cape York, you will be sleeping on stretcher beds in large tents. We ask that colleagues share a tent between 2 people when possible. In Central Australia, participants sleep in swags that are provided.
- The only camping equipment you will need to bring is a sleeping bag, sleeping mat (Cape York only), a and a small travel pillow. All other camping and catering equipment will be provided.
- There will be limited mobile phone reception during the immersion
- We encourage all participants to use their phones as little as possible throughout the immersion, or even not at all
- All participants will be required to complete a medical and indemnity form before departure. A link to the secure form will be provided upon confirmation of your spot
- As this is a domestic trip you will be covered by Medicare. You may also be covered by your school's insurance policy. We recommend you consider personal travel insurance, particularly for COVID coverage

The following inclusions will be covered by your immersion fee:

- A comprehensive risk assessment mitigation strategy available upon request
- A secure online portal with important information regarding your immersion
- Return charter 4WD vehicles with professional drivers for the duration of the immersion
- A 4WD support vehicle which is with the group at all times
- Three nutritious meals a day plus snacks
- Spacious tents & stretcher ber or swags
- Use of land and all cultural activities, including equipment needed for the activities
- All tourist activities identified in the itinerary
- Permits and entry fees
- Camping and cooking equipment, not including sleeping bag and pillow
- Red Earth staff to look after the campsite, liaise with the communities, uphold safety standards and help lead cultural activities
- Insurance for leaders, volunteers and third parties involved in the trip (this does not include insurance for participants)

Red Earth will not cover the costs of:

- Airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Accommodation prior to or following the immersion dates
- Food purchases on top of the meals and snacks provided as part of our catering
- Souvenirs or artwork purchased during the immersion

For more information regarding our professional learning immersions, please contact our team.

We would also love to speak with you about our student immersion programs for 2026 or beyond!

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