



The Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area

Traditional Tribal Groups:

Paakantji, Ngiyampaa, Mutthi Mutthi

"Mungo is one of the most important places in Australia for studying the environment of the past and the people who lived through it all." Alice Kelly – Mutthi Mutthi Elder

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Welcome to the 2014 school year.

We are delighted to advise that your school is a registered school for the 2014 Mungo Youth Project (MYP). This years conference is scheduled for Wed 26th to Fri 28th of March 2014.

19 schools have registered and approximately 190 students and 50 educators will participate along with Elders, Traditional Owners, Patrons, mentors, archaeologists, and other educators.

Preparations are well underway however we do need some immediate support for the following items:

1. Your **Presentation Plan** summary document (In particular your presentation topic!) See attached document. **Please return ASAP.**
2. Shirt sizes for each student – note price included. See attached form. **Return forms by 12th February, 2014.**
3. Shirt sizes for each educator* - a \$20.00 cost per shirt applies. See attached form. **Payment on collection at event.**
4. Payment for each participant. Invoice to be sent to each school. **Payment is required by 22nd February, 2014.**



To assist you in your role as the educator, important **additional resources** are now available on the website www.mungoyouthproject.com.au

As a registered school you are also provided with an “educational resource pack” that contains additional books & research material. If you do not have this pack please contact Ricky Mitchell or Bree Wakefield. (See contact details below)

To prepare for the 2014 Conference the World Heritage MYP team will provide a range of supportive actions.

1. The development of resources to build background knowledge

Read the information provided within our web site, www.mungoyouthproject.com.au and in particular focus on the detail provided within the resources section. Start with the “kids Teaching Kids Model” and then get a workshop happening with your team to develop your presentation plan overview. <http://www.mungoyouthproject.com.au/kids-teaching-kids-model>

2. A Schools Visit Program by request

Our Education Team (Educators, World Heritage Community and Cultural Officers and Discovery Rangers) will, on invitation, visit schools to help generate supportive partnerships. Activities with educators and students include facilitating access to mentors (Elders, Discovery Rangers, Archaeologists, educators) and will suggest effective research and presentation techniques.

3. The provision of Interactive Resources

School visits can be enhanced through the use of the “*Mungo Museum in a Suitcase*” resource. The suitcase is packed with artifacts and activities. Students will gain insights into the resources and technologies that were essential for people to adapt and survive. A series of interactive activities and reference materials are provided for students to research topics and solve problems.



4. Recommended complementary activities - school visits to Mungo during 2014

Throughout 2014 schools might like to build their world heritage experiences and bring students to Mungo for a

- one-day or overnight visit. If you've never been now is a great time...
- World Heritage *Discovery Rangers* are available to make your visit a rich one. An integrated experience for your school can be developed through the Mungo Education Team.
- The team may offer Professional Development Sessions (whole of school or small team) and identify both what schools seek in regards to deep history learning and to share our own learning (*including resources*).

5. Recommended actions for School & Leadership Communities

- School Regions, school groups, or a network of leaders can unite to co-design with the Mungo Education Team programs that explore and develop cultural understandings of indigenous Australia through the lens of deep history that Mungo provides.
- Bring your team to a crafted program that suits your needs, with accommodation ranging from a tented experience, the Shearers Quarters to the (four star) Mungo Lodge.

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