

BEAUMARIS SECONDARY COLLEGE
MONDAY 30TH JUNE - SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA FIRST NATIONS IMMERSION



Our students will connect and learn from the custodians of the oldest surviving culture in the world.

They will give their time & passion, and bring back a rich understanding of First Nations People.



For the first time, Beumaris Secondary College is giving students the chance to travel to the remote First Nations homelands of Central Australia.

Students will have the rare opportunity to make real connections with First Nations People living on their own land who have maintained a deep connection to their culture and history. They will learn from Elders and Traditional Owners, and play with young First Nations children eager for a window to the outside world.

The group will stay in safe areas on privately held First Nations land, not accessible outside of this setting. They will learn, make, gather, eat, give, grow and connect with Traditional Owners and First Nations People.



Uluru-Tours

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA Homeland & Roam SAMPLE ITINERARY



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.

Homeland (7 days)

Day 1 - Fly to Yulara (Uluru)

- ☉ Take an early morning flight to Yulara
- ☉ Meet your Red Earth Leaders and set up camp
- ☉ Enjoy your first sight of Uluru and learn about the Mala creation stories on a tour with a local Anangu guide
- ☉ Enjoy the sunset overlooking Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park
- ☉ Settle into your first night as a group around the campfire

Days 2 - 4: Homeland

- ☉ Travel to Homeland by 4WD bus, situated in the APY Lands in South Australia
- ☉ Meet the Traditional Owners and have a yarn around the campfire
- ☉ Spend a day on country looking for bush tucker and visiting significant sites
- ☉ Learn about the traditional ways and hear dreaming stories
- ☉ Explore the homeland as you collect and make your own bush medicine
- ☉ Visit the local school called Kenmore Park where the Traditional Owners teach
- ☉ Learn to cook kangaroo tail using traditional methods over fire
- ☉ Visit the longest running Indigenous Art Centre in the local town of Pukatja
- ☉ Engage in nightly reflections and discussions around the campfire

Day 5: Kings Canyon (Watarrka)

- ☉ Travel to Kings Canyon by 4WD bus
- ☉ Enjoy the spectacular 'Rim Walk' at Watarrka National Park
- ☉ In the afternoon, enjoy a swim and shower at Kings Creek Station

Day 6: Uluru and the Field of Lights

- ☉ Travel back to Yulara (Uluru)
- ☉ Revisit the Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park
- ☉ While there, visit the cultural centre to learn about the significance of Uluru
- ☉ After dark, travel to the critically acclaimed, award winning, Field of Light Uluru by the internationally celebrated artist Bruce Munro. Named Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakunytjaku or 'looking at lots of beautiful lights' in local Pitjantjatjara. Overwhelming in size, covering more than seven football fields, it invites immersion in its fantasy garden of 50,000 spindles of light.
- ☉ Savour your final yarns around the fire with the final group reflection

Day 7: Kata Tjuta and Return Home

- ☉ Make the most of your final morning and enjoy a sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.
- ☉ Take a bus to Kata Tjuta to meet with a local guide to learn more about the spectacular rock formations
- ☉ Return to camp before flying home in the afternoon



Kings Creek Station and Kings Canyon



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? Will there be showers and bathrooms?

There are flushing or drop toilets everywhere we go. Most of our partner homelands have shower facilities but you may have to go a few nights without, particularly in the winter. The amenities will be basic, but this is definitely not a bush survival camp so we will make sure you feel comfortable and safe.

What food will be available?

While there will be opportunities for the group to forage bush foods, there will be three 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.

Are there fundraising activities for the Homelands?

An important part of Red Earth's mission is to help create sustainable Homelands so that Traditional Owners can live on their ancestral land. Elders tell us their vision for their Homeland and the type of projects they would like help with, whether supported with community investment funds or with a hands-on approach from the students. Students then fundraise towards this.

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?

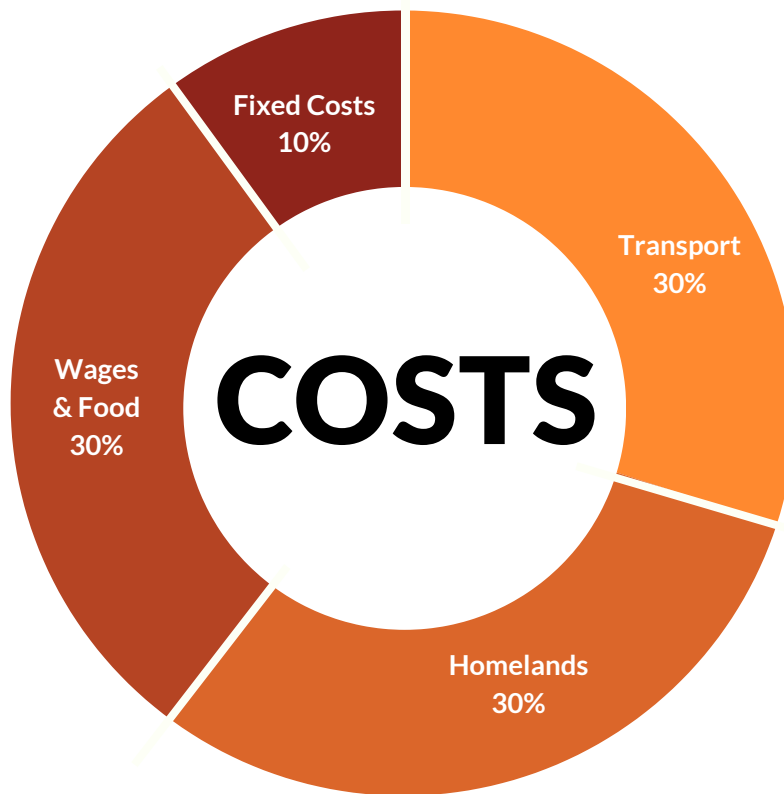
We take safety very seriously, and it informs every aspect of an immersion. You can read more about our approach to safety on our website at <https://www.redearth.edu.au/safety/>

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 to.



Kata Tjuta National Park



- Approximately 30% of this goes directly to transport including buses, support vehicles and fuel. The remoteness of our partner communities and Homelands makes these costs a necessity.
- A key aspect of our mission is to enable Traditional Owners to make money on their land without losing their connection to Country. Traditional Owners tell their stories with pride and build meaningful connections with your group. This also makes Homelands more sustainable for future generations.
- We supply three healthy meals a day plus snacks, as well as all of the equipment needed to make the immersion is comfortable and safe.
- The immersion will be lead by 2 qualified Red Earth staff and accompanied by at least 2 school staff.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates: Monday 30th June - Sunday 6th July

Length: 7 days, 6 nights

Staff: 2 Red Earth staff, 2 School staff

Fee: \$3,795 pp + flights

Flight Estimate: \$749

Info Night: 7:00pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024

(Click [here](#) to register)





Field of Lights Display



Group Size

Minimum 20 paying participants, maximum 27 (26 for Top End) with maximum capacity per group: Top End- 28, Cape York- 29, Lake Mungo- 29, Central Australia- 33 (including 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. We recommend all participants consider personal COVID-19 travel insurance. 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 for travel

Payment Conditions and Schedule

- At the time of the proposal the client will be provided with the price of the immersion excluding flights.
- Participants will pay the price of the immersion to their school who will then pay Red Earth directly.
- 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 have 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 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.

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:

- Initial Deposit - \$1,500.00 per paying participant to secure your group booking within 14 days of the Information Night
- Second payment - \$1,500.00 per paying participant 12 weeks after deposit due date
- Final Balance - Remainder of the Immersion price (inc Flight Cost if applicable) 8 weeks before immersion commencement.



Inclusions

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

- If Red Earth book flights: Upon receipt of the 1st deposit Red Earth will provide the school with a quote for group flights and any applicable accommodation if there is a Red Eye flight- this will be allocated to the final variable balance. Flight market prices vary 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 school.
- All expenses covered for two school staff in immersion price and quoted flight price (if Red Earth are to arrange)
- Two Red Earth staff members to look after the campsite, liaise with the community, uphold safety standards and help lead building and cultural activities
- Use of private, exclusive lands
- All cultural activities led by Traditional Owners, including equipment needed for the activities
- All tourism activities
- All ground transport with experienced drivers for the duration of the immersion
- Camping and cooking equipment
- Spacious tents shared between a maximum of four students (swags in Central Australia)
- A large stretcher bed for each participant (n/a in Central Australia)
- 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 prepared for the school
- Permits and entry fees
- Insurance for leaders, volunteers and 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 - Ground Costs:

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 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 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 forfeit of 100% of the fee paid.

Red Earth Cancellation Policy - Flights:

- Red Earth will follow the conditions outlined by the airline for your specific airline fares.
- Cancelling between due dates for the Deposit and Final Payment will result in the forfeiture of the airline deposit
- Cancelling after the Final Payment (8 weeks before travel) will result in the forfeiture of the total fare amount.