

OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



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YEARS 9 - 12 **EXTENSION PROGRAMS** 2024

Dear Parents,

The Outdoor and Environmental Education program at MLC focuses on providing students with consistently positive experiences in the outdoors. We believe that the natural world can be a place of enjoyment, wonder and kinship.

In 2024 we are excited to offer a range of extension programs that build upon the learnings and experiences acquired during the annual year level camps. These unique trips are offered to Years 9–12 students and explore some of the state's most remarkable natural environments, through extended small group journeys, mostly taking place during school holidays.

During these journeys, students will be able to meet the traditional owners in the areas we visit and deepen their understanding of indigenous and non-indigenous history of the areas.

Mr Nicholas Covelli


Acting Head of Outdoor and Environmental Education

OUTBACK PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 5
YEARS 9 - 10

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I wanted another chance to spend time in the outdoors and photography was something I didn't really know a lot about, so I guess I took a chance on it and had a really good time – Lili



This unique program blends adventure with creativity. Taking place in the October school holidays, this eight-day photography workshop will take the road less traveled through the Western Australian Outback. The group will travel north to the Australian Wildlife Conservancies, Mt Gibson Sanctuary, where they will meet ecologists working to protect the biodiversity in the area. We then head to the magical Wooleen Station before heading to the coast at Kalbarri followed by Hutt Lagoon (Pink Lake) and past the Pinnacles.

As with many of the Outdoor and Environmental Education Programs, students will practice small community living and self-sufficient practices. Eating and sleeping in a bush setting, students will sleep in tents and cook on fires where possible. The trip will focus on creating images. Students will be guided through the program by MLC staff member and professional photographer Nicholas Covelli.

The theoretical and practical components of the program will be tailored to the abilities and interests of the students. Some of the broader topics that will be covered include composition, light, camera operation, equipment maintenance, long exposure, composite imagery, narrative creation, photoshop processing and file cataloging. Students do not need to be enrolled in Media Arts to attend this trip, although demonstrating an interest in photography is essential. Camera equipment will be made available during the program.

Students who are selected will be required to attend three compulsory tutorials prior to the trip. These are designed to assist in the planning, preparation and proficiency of the program.

COST:

\$1500 approx.

Capped at 12 students.

Requires full capacity to take place.




SHARK BAY SEA KAYAK

APRIL 5 - APRIL 12
YEARS 10 - 12

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It felt more like a holiday than a camp because you chose to be there, I would recommend the trip to anyone and everyone - Georgia





Come and explore the Shark Bay World Heritage area by sea kayak. This eight-day expedition takes place during the April school holidays. Kayaking by day and sleeping on remote beaches each night, this program will suit students with an adventurous spirit and an appetite for physical activity.

Students will paddle double sea kayaks, filled with camping supplies and food, between campsites. The students will be accompanied at all times by three qualified MLC sea kayak guides, in addition to a support motor boat and additional staff member.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Wirruwana, the Malgana Nhanda and Yingkarta people. We look forward to respectfully spending time on their land and recognise their ongoing connection to land, waters and culture. A fantastic aspect of this trip will be encountering incredible marine life as we explore the beaches and bays of this wild coast. Turtles, rays, dugongs and whales are all commonly sighted in these waters. Students will also have the opportunity to catch their own dinner by fishing for snapper and trevally.

All students who participate in this program will be required to attend four compulsory skills and safety training sessions prior to commencing this trip. Session times will be agreed by the group and take place after school and on some weekends.

For those working toward achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Award, this program meets the Adventurous Journey section of the Silver and Gold levels.

COST:

\$1700 approx.

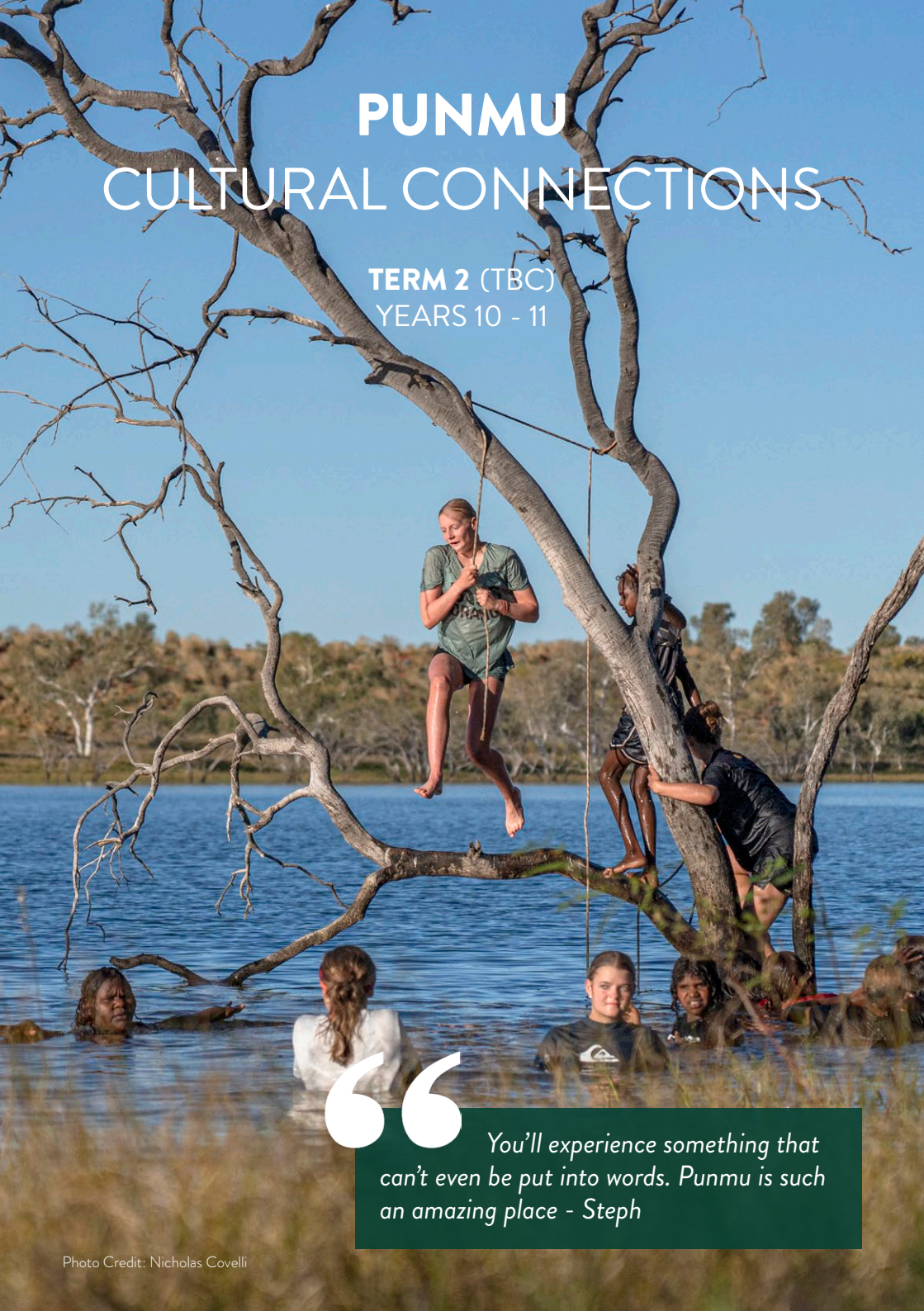
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PUNMU CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

TERM 2 (TBC)
YEARS 10 - 11



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You'll experience something that can't even be put into words. Punmu is such an amazing place - Steph



This trip takes place on Martu country in and around the remote Pilbara community of Punmu. This is an exciting opportunity for students to learn from, create connections, and spend time on country with First Nations people in our own backyard.

This trip provides students with an authentic and raw experience that aims to create connections with Martu people, break down cultural barriers and celebrate local Indigenous culture.

MLC students will spend time engaging with the students of RAWA Community School, before embarking on a multi-day on country trip. The on country trip will see students exploring broader Martu land via 4WD, and the magic it holds. In the company of both RAWA community school students, and Martu Elders, days will be spent searching for bush foods, visiting significant sites and sharing dreaming stories by the fire.

The Martu people are the Traditional Owners of a large part of central Western Australia and were some of the last Indigenous Australians to make contact with European Australians. Martu country extends from the Great Sandy Desert in the north, to around Wiluna in the south and includes Punmu community. We acknowledge the Martu people as the Traditional Owners of the land in which we visit for this programme and respectfully recognise their ongoing connection to country.

COST:

\$3000 approx. (incl. flights)

Capped at 12 students.

Requires full capacity to take place.




KIMBERLEY WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

MAY 31 - JUNE 9
YEARS 10 - 12

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The Martuwarra Fitzroy River is the kind of place where an hour feels like a hundred years, but a day feels like it passes in the blink of an eye – Elizabeth



The Kimberley is one of Australia's last true wilderness regions. Remote, rugged and at times physically demanding, this trip will suit students with an adventurous spirit. Running over the Term 2 mid-term break, this nine-day journey focuses on culture, conservation and adventure.

Flying to and from Broome, students will spend the first night at the Broome Bird Observatory before continuing onto the Gibb River Road. Here we will visit the Australian Wildlife Conservancy's (AWC) Charnley River and Mornington Wilderness Camps. Learning first hand from AWC ecologists about the importance of the conservation work undertaken at their Kimberley sanctuaries.

A significant component of this program is a multi-day river expedition on the mighty Martuwarra Fitzroy River. Students will paddle inflatable rafts through the towering gorges and open flood plains. Carrying all camping gear and food they will sleep on the sandy riverbanks and under the Kimberley stars.

A place of ecological and cultural significance, the Martuwarra Fitzroy River is home to Indigenous rock art and artefacts that students will have the chance to experience. We are honored and privileged to take students into these regions. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this program takes place. We respect and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

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