



2021 Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Program Opportunity

AISSA is offering SA independent schools the opportunity to join the 2021 Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Program to East Arnhem Land. The date of the program is from **8 to 14 August 2021** and is in conjunction with AISNSW and Independent Schools Queensland.



'As an Aboriginal woman (Kurna/Narungga) from SA I feel so envious seeing how your culture is still rich and undisturbed. I really wish I had the same especially for my 3 daughters.'

'I feel so happy and it warms my heart for the Yolngu people that you still have your culture, language, traditions and strong connection to land. Would love to visit some day and bring my family next time!'

Educator

This program is designed to provide School Leaders, boarding house supervisors, curriculum coordinators and educators in ELC and school settings with deeper intercultural understanding that they can share with their students and school communities. In addition, the program contributes to providing the Yolngu people with an economically sustainable way of maintaining their culture.

Nyinyikay homeland community is one of the most remote communities not only in East Arnhem Land, but in Australia. Surrounded by pristine beaches and rainforest, this beautiful community has had custodianship of the land, waterways and sky for thousands of years.

'It has been an eye-opening experience and we will remember it for a lifetime.'

Year 9 student



This opportunity is open to all educators in SA independent schools. Schools are welcome to extend this invitation to secondary students.

A journey to East Arnhem Land gives school leaders, educators and students a deeper connection to Aboriginal culture, language and spirituality.



As we sit in the bush classroom overlooking the ocean listening to the local cultural teacher, Marcus Lacey, we start to discover the vast knowledges that existed around us.'

Educator



The Yolngu seasonal calendar is not the simple autumn, winter, spring and summer, but a complex series of incremental changes to the land. Through observation of the plants and wildlife, the people of Nyinyikay can live from what the land and waterways provide.



'I will never again look at the land around me the same – the connection to the land that you all have, provided me with another way of knowing and being.'

Educator



'I enjoyed the weaving, the fishing, the dancing, the exploring and playing with the kids (so everything that we did)! It has been an amazing few days, ones that I will never forget. I learnt so much about the amazing culture.... I can't thank you enough for giving me this unique opportunity to immerse in a surrounding nobody ever goes.'

Year 9 student

Registration

To register, please email [Monica Williams](mailto:Monica.Williams@ais.sa.edu.au) by Friday 19 February 2021, including the name/s and role/s of participant/s. A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person will be required by Tuesday 16 March 2021. The final payment is due Friday 7 May 2021.

Cost

\$5,150.00 per person inclusive of GST. This is all inclusive of return airfares (Adelaide to Gove), accommodation, meals, morning and afternoon teas, permits, camping equipment, transport to and from the Homeland by 4WD, local Yolngu guides, airport transfers to and from Gove and all Cultural Exchange Program activities and equipment.