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AusEarthEd Inspiring Our Future Workforce

Providing local students and teachers with a greater awareness and enthusiasm for earth sciences through incursions, professional development and donation of resources

Funding from the Minerals Research Institute of WA (MRIWA) enables AusEarthEd to visit Kalgoorlie several times each year to work with students and staff from local schools.

Students across Kalgoorlie will engage in earth science through hands-on incursions with Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd) from 1-4 June 2021. Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community College, John Paul College and Fairbridge College will engage with the local geology, rocks, volcanoes and more whilst Years 1 and 6 at Kalgoorlie Primary School will dive into the wonders of light and soils.

High school teachers are also invited to an intensive earth science and STEM workshop featuring numerous free and engaging resources from across AusEarthEd's many projects.

"Engagement with, and support of, regional students and teachers is a vital part of what AusEarthEd does to improve the quality of earth sciences and STEM education. With support from partners like the Minerals Research Institute of WA (MRIWA), we are able to arm teachers with the tools they need to inspire the next generation of STEM professionals." Said CEO of AusEarthEd, Joanne Watkins.

AusEarthEd is set to return later in the year to work with a large number of primary students across a range of exciting topics. During this visit they will also be delivering kits of resources, in support of earth science education, to primary and high schools across the region. This is the sixth year they have donated custom-made kits, thanks to support from MRIWA, leading to a significant increase in resourcing for schools in the region.

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Visit schedule

Tuesday 1 June 2021	Incursions at Kalgoorlie Primary School for Year 1 (Changing Beads) and Year 6 (Chemistry Rocks – Investigating Soil Chemistry)
Wednesday 2 June 2021	Incursions at John Paul College for Year 8 (Rocks and Local Geology) and Years 9 & 10 (Real World STEM) Teacher professional development for all Kalgoorlie secondary science teachers at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community College
Thursday 3 June 2021	Incursions at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community College for Year 8 (Rocks and Local Geology) and Year 9 (Plate Tectonics and Volcanoes)
Friday 4 June 2021	Incursions at Fairbridge College for Years 7-10 (Real World STEM)

About Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd)

AusEarthEd, formerly Earth Science Western Australia (ESWA), is a not-for-profit organisation that has been working with schools across WA since 2005. Formed in response to declining geoscience education in WA and the need to improve the quality of earth sciences and STEM education for our students, teachers and the wider community. In 2020, ESWA launched Australian Earth Science Education (AusEarthEd), expanding on ground resources into New South Wales and the Northern Territory. AusEarthEd now creates, produces and delivers innovative, valuable earth science education materials and experiences across Australia.

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