

TINTERN GRAMMAR  
23RD JUNE-1ST JULY 2024

# CAPE YORK INDIGENOUS IMMERSION

WURREY, PANAMUUNJI, GREAT BARRIER REEF



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**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 Indigenous Australia.**

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For the first time Tintern Grammar is giving students the chance to travel to the remote Indigenous homelands of Cape York

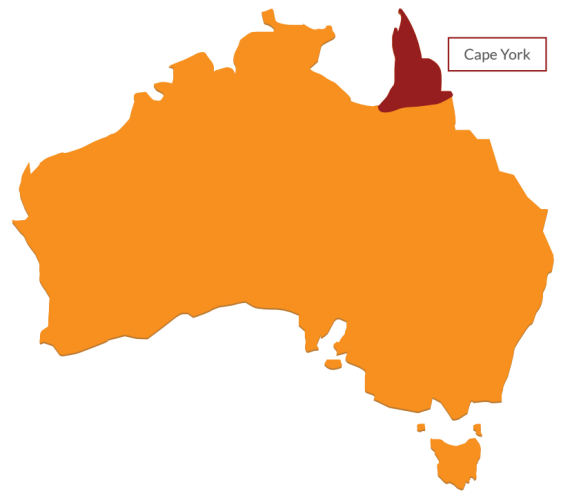
Students will have the rare opportunity to make real connections with Indigenous Australians living on their own land who have maintained a deep connection to their culture and history. They will learn from Elders and Traditional Owners, and play with young Indigenous children eager for a window to the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





# CAPE YORK 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.*

## Panamuunji - Wurrey

### Day 1 - The Journey Begins

- 🕒 Early morning flight to Cairns
- 🕒 Bus to Panamuunji Homeland through the scenic Atherton Tablelands
- 🕒 Welcome to Country ceremony
- 🕒 Set up Camp

### Days 2-4 - Panamuunji Homeland

- 🕒 Learn about surviving in the rainforest by searching for bush tucker and medicines with Traditional Owners
- 🕒 Listen to Elders share the history of their Country and connection to the land
- 🕒 Time to learn some traditional dances and take part in a corroboree with the community
- 🕒 Pick up some words in the local language, Guugu Yimithirr
- 🕒 Relax and cool off with a dip in the beautiful nearby creek
- 🕒 Nightly reflections on the immersion

### Days 5-7 - Wurrey Homeland

- 🕒 Walk through Bush Land and learn about living on Country
- 🕒 Wander Uncle Bernies vast Bush Tucker Orchard learning about traditional uses
- 🕒 Contribute to the revegetation of the land, planting native trees
- 🕒 Hear Dreamtime stories from the Traditional Owners
- 🕒 Learn Guugu Yimithirr language with the Elders
- 🕒 Visit Hopevale community to drop into the art centre and meet local kids at the youth centre

### Day 7-8 - Port Douglas - Great Barrier Reef

- 🕒 Snorkelling tour on the outer reef
- 🕒 Final reflection and debrief

### Day 9 - Return Home

- 🕒 Drive back to Cairns and fly home



**How do Elders and Traditional Owners feel about people coming onto their land? Will we be intruding?**

We are an organisation driven by our Indigenous partners in the homelands of remote Australia. Our mission is to give Indigenous 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?**

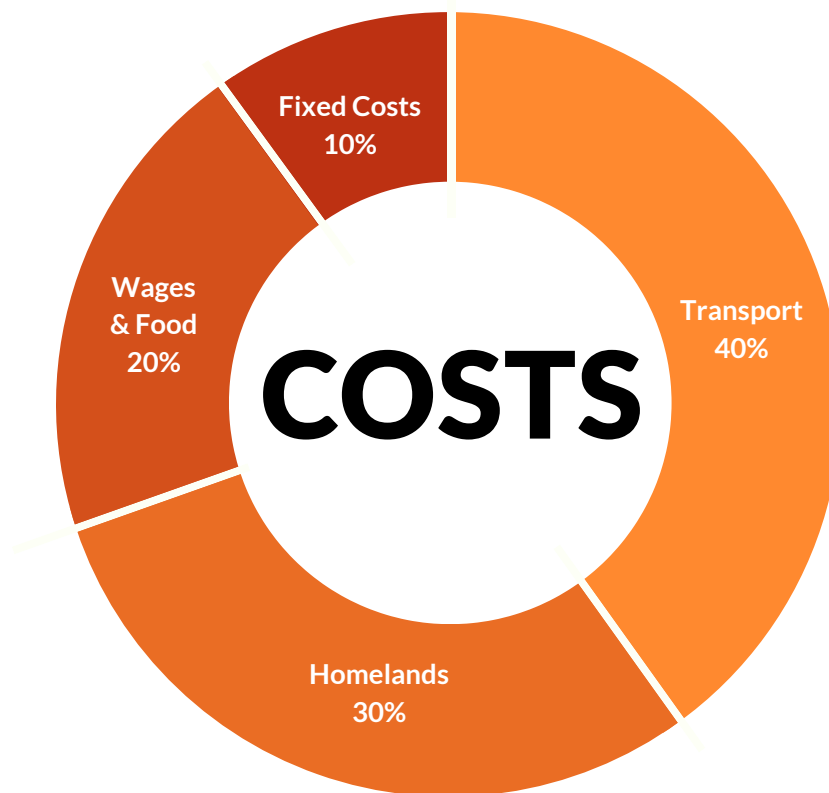
Red Earth takes its responsibility to ensure that each person attending an immersion gives, grows and leads very seriously. We design a pre-departure program tailored for your specific region and itinerary, and will meet with the group twice in the lead up to departure to ensure everyone is prepared 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 Indigenous 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.



- Approximately 40% 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: 23rd June- 1st July 2024**

**Length: 9 days, 8 nights**

**Staff: 2 Red Earth staff, 2 School staff**

**Fee: \$4,208 pp + flights-please refer to the school financial information sheet**

**Info Night: 9th November, 6:15pm**





**Group Size**

Minimum 20 paying participants, maximum 27 paying participants (excluding school staff).

**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 and, at the time of travel, are compliant with Red Earth's most recent COVID-19 policy found at [www.redearth.edu.au/covid-19/](http://www.redearth.edu.au/covid-19/)

**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:

Region: (Cape York, The Top End, Central Australia, The Kimberley)

- Initial Deposit - \$1,500.00 per paying participant to secure your group booking within 21 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 you choose Red Earth to book flights: Upon receipt of the 1st deposit Red Earth will provide you with a quote for flights and any applicable accommodation if you choose a Red Eye flight- this will be allocated to the final variable balance. Upon confirmation of the quote, Red Earth will secure flight bookings for return airfares from a major city to the nearest medium sized airport. 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.
- 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 (Region: Cape York, The Top End, Central Australia, The Kimberley)

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.