

Leading the Way Forum in the Wimmera



Tomorrow's Leaders for Sustainability is a key initiative that helps young people understand and appreciate the key principles and issues of sustainability while gaining the knowledge and skills to become leaders in their chosen career.

An exciting new component of this program is a student forum called "**Leading the Way**". The inaugural delivery of this Forum will take place in the Wimmera region in November 2009 with 40 local students and 40 students from the Melbourne region. The aim of the Forum is to bring together a diverse group of students to discuss, debate and negotiate positions on sustainability within the context of climate change and its impact on rural and urban communities.

This forum will give your students the opportunity to learn about inspirational initiatives to address climate change and the current drought in south eastern Victoria and allow them to participate in challenging activities that will greatly extend their understanding of leadership and sustainability.

This Wimmera Forum project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry under its Australia's Farming Future initiative. This funding will cover all costs associated with the travel, accommodation, food and other costs for all students and their teachers. As a participating school in the TLfS program, you are invited to join this forum with students and teachers from your school.

Eligible students: Year 9, 10 and 11 who have completed the TLfS program
No. of students: Melbourne schools - Maximum 9 students per school + 1 teacher
Wimmera schools – to be negotiated
When: 25th, 26th, 27th November 2009
Where: Longerenong College - 229 Longerenong Road, Longerenong
(Just over 10 km from Horsham)
Hosts: Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN

Teachers will be expected to:

- Select your students based on the TLfS Forum Selection Criteria Guidelines
- Obtain parental permission for student participation in the Forum and to make us aware of any special needs of students
- Accompany and take responsibility for all students you bring to the Forum.

Students will be expected to abide by the Forum Conduct Rules, which will be supplied before the Forum. They will also be expected to participate in a meaningful and positive way in all activities.



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To register your interest in joining this Forum please contact Jane Stewart on jane@sustain-ability-int.com or Tel: 03 9817 7722 or Mobile: 0411 838 033

Draft Summary Schedule

Day 1	
	Leave schools (local & Melb.) and travel to Horsham
3.00 pm	Arrive Longerenong College
4.00 pm	Welcome to Country. Getting to know you activities, creative activities, team building and allocation of Forum Teams
6.00 pm	BBQ dinner
7.00 pm	Presentation of one TLfS Project from each school
8.30 pm	Best TLfS Project chosen for prize and formal presentation at official dinner
9.00 pm	Optional night time activity
11.00 pm	In bed. Lights out!!
Day 2	
8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Rotating and interactive presentations from 4-5 guest speakers on the theme: Leading the Way – In the Face of Climate Change
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	Introduction to forum topic. Students work in Forum Teams to conduct research into their allocated forum topics
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Sustainability field trips - students visit local projects that are demonstrating action to address sustainability issues.
5.30 pm	Return to Longerenong College and prepare for dinner
7.00 pm	Formal dinner with Guest Speaker and local guests. Welcome to Country. Presentation Best TLfS Project. Presentation Guest Speaker. Presentation local Youth Leader.
9.00 pm	Entertainment
11.00 pm	In bed. Lights out !!
Day 3	
8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Forum Teams give presentations on forum topic (key issue relating to climate change)
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	Students work in Forum Teams to develop a Forum Declaration of action on the theme of "Leading the Way". (This could be interpreted through written, oral, musical or the visual arts formats)
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	All students depart by bus for school
Approx. 4 30 pm to 5.00 pm	Melbourne students arrive back at school