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Dear Parents,

Indigenous Immersion Program

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Next year, during the Term Three holidays (28 September to 13 October), Fahan will be offering girls in Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to complete an Indigenous Immersion experience in an Aboriginal community in Western NSW. The program will be designed and coordinated by Destination Dreaming, a company that connects school communities in the Asia-Pacific region, building intercultural and service learning partnerships.

The 10-day program includes return flights from Hobart to Mildura, three days with Aboriginal park rangers in Mungo National Park and five days cultural exchange at Menindee Central School.

Menindee Central School has an enrolment of about 135 students from kindergarten to year 12, of whom approximately 85% are of Aboriginal heritage.
<http://www.menindee-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Mungo National Park is at the heart of NSW's Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area. It has great significance for the Ngyiampaa, Mutthi Mutthi and Southern Paakantyi people, whose connection with the land reaches back more than 40,000 years. Remarkable archaeological finds like Mungo Man (the world's oldest human cremation), Mungo Woman, and human footprints dating back to the last ice age tell an incredible story about the long history of Australian Aboriginal people.
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nationalparks/parkhome.aspx?id=N0049>

Destination Dreaming has provided similar intercultural programs for a number of prominent Australian private schools. I suggest you use the following link to find out more about the company and to read some of the testimonials from other schools:
<http://destinationdreaming.org.au/>

If you and your daughter are interested in finding out more about this wonderful opportunity, please come to an information evening next **Monday 22 October at 6.00pm in the TM Hall.**

Thank you,

Gary Gooley
Sport and Outdoor Education Coordinator.