

Sacred Land

Exploring an Australian Spirituality



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28 May to 4 June 2022

Iutruwita/Tasmania

This program has been developed specifically for principals and includes input by guest presenters and guides at key locations. Participants will:

- visit diverse natural environments
- connect with history and culture
- listen and experience ceremony and sacred dreaming stories of the Palawa/Pakana (Tasmanian Aboriginal people)
- journey deeper into one's personal story to gain an understanding of how we inhabit our own 'sacred land' and live our personal 'Australian spirituality'.

This is a seven-day experiential program. Principals will explore an Australian spirituality with a focus on the 'sacred land' of encounter and experience of self, others and God. The content of the program will focus on:

- Aboriginal story and spirituality
- Australian story and colonialism
- story of the natural environment
- participants' personal story
- re-imagined understandings.

Program itinerary

Date	Encounter and experience
Saturday 28 May	nipaluna/Hobart Welcome to Country, introduction to cultural protocols, dinner hosted by Aboriginal community
Sunday 29 May	Premaydena/Port Arthur Australian story and colonialism
Monday 30 May	Nicholls Rivulet, New Town, Cygnet, putalina/Oyster Cove Aboriginal story and spirituality – the resilience of culture and connections
Tuesday 31 May	kunanyi/Mt Wellington, piyura kitina/Risdon Cove, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Spirit rebuilds – respect, life and language



Wednesday 1 June	toarra-marra-monah/Maria Island Two cultures meet
Thursday 2 June	Lunawanna-allonah/Bruny Island Story of the land and sea
Friday 3 June	takayna/North Western Tasmania – accommodation at Cradle Mountain Hotel, one night Sacred story, sacred land
Saturday 4 June	Cradle Mountain (half day) – depart from kanamaluka/Launceston Sending forth

Note: Accommodation, meals, activities, daily transport and flights are included in this program. Accommodation and/or travel before or after the program is at the expense of the participant.

The program offers participants an opportunity to increase their understanding and experience of the spiritual and cultural heritage that is uniquely Australian.

Participants will visit places of significance where they will have time to reflect on their personal and communal stories and how these stories invite them into the mystery of God's story, with particular relevance to their mission and work in Catholic education.

Important themes

- Getting in touch with our personal 'sacred land' through story and experience. Who am I? Who are my people? Where is my country? What is my spiritual and cultural heritage?
- Discovering our collective sacred land, becoming aware of our world and that of others.
- Understanding the impact of culture, identity and history on the Australian 'sacred land'.
- Growing in awareness of how we inhabit our 'sacred land', our connectedness to all things and ways we might enable others to connect with creation and their 'sacred land'.

Application Process

Principals may apply for approval and funding support by completing the Principal Formation Programs Application Package available on the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Mission & Identity* / [Principal Formation Programs](#).

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