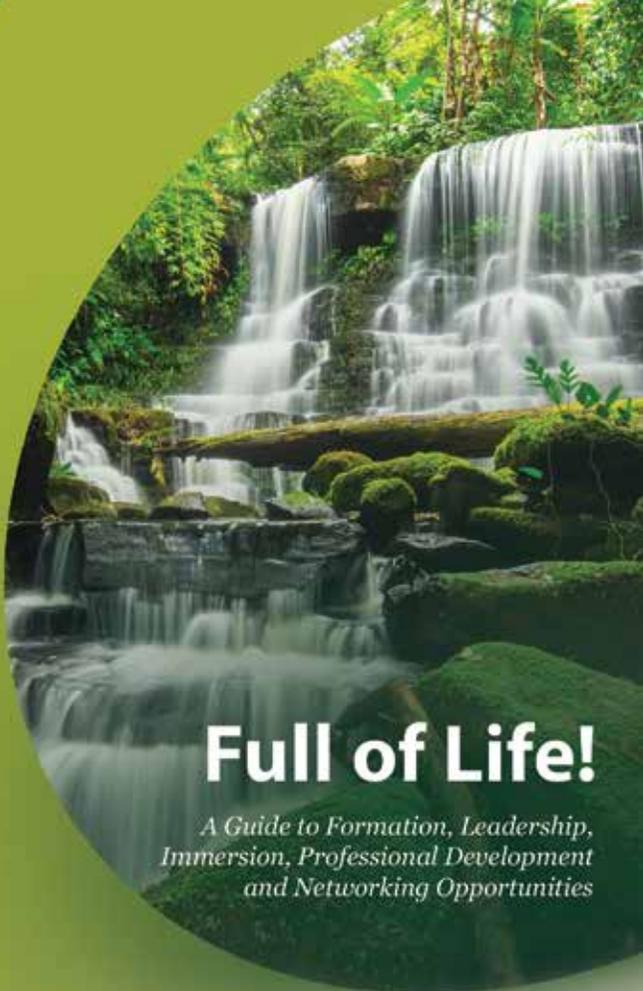


EREA PROGRAMS 2018



Full of Life!

*A Guide to Formation, Leadership,
Immersion, Professional Development
and Networking Opportunities*



**EDMUND RICE EDUCATION
AUSTRALIA**

"If you truly want to know yourself, ask yourself what you are most living for."

Thomas Merton

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Introduction

Dear staff and friends of EREA,

2018 is a significant year for both the Christian Brothers and EREA. It marks the 150th Anniversary of the second venture of Christian Brothers into Australia, with the arrival of Ambrose Treacy and his three confrères into Melbourne in 1868. In September, EREA will conduct its second Congress – an event that brings people together to reflect on EREA’s mission and set some broad directions for the next period of its story.

Both of these events serve to spotlight EREA’s call to mission as part of the broader Church community – a mission of inclusivity, compassion, justice, and liberation. Our current Charter touchstones, renewed in 2017, offer school communities a real focus for the living out of this Gospel vision. The opportunities to come together to explore our communal and individual participation in the active expression of these touchstones, is the essence of *Full of Life*.

Whenever we enter into relationship with our sacred stories we open ourselves to the potential for transformation. When our hearts burn with passion for a new idea or our eyes open with wonder to a new perspective, we are fully alive. What is crucial then, is that the encounters, conversations and experiences that we

are invited into via *Full of Life* promote questioning rather than certainty and challenge rather than comfort. For it is in these spaces that the Spirit moves most acutely within us, calling us to see and respond to the cry of the poor and the Earth.

“The Spirit is always hovering over the waters of chaos, bringing forth new life. It is the wind that brings change into life and turns it upside down and inside out. This is what a follower of Jesus always has to deal with: the Spirit is in the storm.” (The Spirit Moving in Our Midst: Be My Disciple; Christian Brothers, 2008 Chapter).

Programs of global immersion and the recently launched Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders Leadership Certificate provide opportunities that move people beyond their own cultural and geographical comfort zone. This is the value of being part of an international network where the voices of all peoples and lands can be considered and appreciated. Our awareness of the interconnectedness of all life has never been greater, nor more central to the way we build relationships.

Full of Life offers a unique invitation to take time to pause, notice and attend to the stirrings of our hearts. In this sacred space, may your own reflection and discernment connect you intimately with the liberating vision that the Gospel calls us to seek for all creation.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.

Dr Wayne Tinsey
Executive Director

A Pathway for Transformation

EREA seeks to nurture those who shape the educational experience of our young people with a range of formative programs that make up a pathway for transformation.



Objectives for Formation

Each program is guided by the three Dynamics of Formation from our Formation Framework:

Moved by the Spirit

"...into a space which places God and God's vision of a world made whole at the centre of our lives...(inspiring) imagination and (inviting) us to live creatively with life's questions in a spirit of openness and discovery."



Alive in Relationship

Where people are invited to encounter the other through dialogue "...locally, nationally and internationally, crossing boundaries of race, culture and religion... to form meaning from the diverse stories and realities in our communities and in the world. Where such experiences provide an opening to a "...shift in our worldview, opening us to a deeper level of relationship with God and neighbour."

Called to Liberation

Whereby our people are confronted by the call of liberation and challenged to "... speak with authority as a prophetic voice in the Church and in the world", and "... to be present to others in a way that respects their dignity, worldview, hopes and dreams." By offering experiences of this nature, we hope to cultivate a commitment towards working, "... collaboratively with communities to experience mutual transformation."

Approach to Learning & Engagement

Our intention is to provide formation opportunities that engage individuals and communities in ways where on-going learning and participation take place. As such, we intend to pattern our programs and gatherings on the following three stages:



Go to www.erea.edu.au/forming-for-mission for more info

Overview of Programs

1. EREA Congress 2018

This significant gathering is conducted every six years and provides a forum to reflect upon current expressions of EREA's mission and to discern strategic priorities for the organisation. The theme of the 2018 Congress is *Charting New Horizons*. Congress delegates are representative of the broad spectrum of communities associated with EREA. (Details page 8)

2. National Core Formation Programs

Four core programs are provided as the central formation offerings for staff in EREA schools and are open to staff within Edmund Rice Oceania ministries. With the exception of Break Every Yoke, each program is regionally based, although there is scope for attendance negotiation.

For those within EREA, staff should consult their respective Identity Leader or line-manager to secure nomination. For those outside EREA registration can be secured via www.erea.edu.au/programs. (Calendar details on pg 14)

The four core programs are:

- **A Call to Mission - Galilee**

This is a non-residential program over two days, intended for all recently appointed staff to EREA communities and ideally should be completed within the first two years of service. (Details page 10)

- **A Call to Leadership - Into the Deep**

This is a residential, two-day program intended for those appointed to a position of leadership or considered to have a leadership impact within the school community. (Details page 11)

- **A Call to Transformation - Mt Sinai**

This is a residential two-day program intended for all staff who have served within any Edmund Rice community for more than five years. (Details on page 12)

- **A Vision for Liberation - Break Every Yoke**

This is a national three-day residential program intended for any staff member who has a significant impact on the strategic and management direction of an EREA community, including School Board members. Senior Leaders are expected to complete this program within their first contract term. (Details on page 13)

3. On-line Program

Edmund Rice Beyond Borders Leadership Certificate is an international online course consisting of four modules of self-directed learning focussed on charisma, spirituality, advocacy and liberating education practices. (Details page 16)

4. School Based Formation

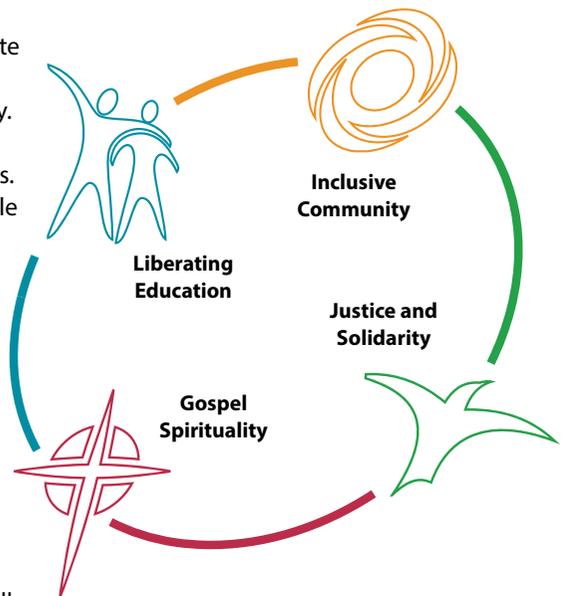
The EREA Identity and Liberating Education Team is available to support schools in offering formation opportunities that invite staff into a deeper understanding of charisma, mission and their own spirituality. These experiences enhance rather than replace participation in the Core programs. A variety of opportunities are also available for School Boards to engage in formation experiences exploring the charisma of Edmund Rice and the mission of our schools. (Details on page 17)

5. Immersions

EREA organises and supports a number of experiences for leaders and staff that promote a faith-based response to global solidarity and a commitment to reconciliation. In 2018, these programs will offer opportunities to engage with our First Nations People and overseas communities. (Details on pages 18-21)

6. Conferences and Networking Gatherings

EREA organises a number of conferences throughout the year designed to identify, enhance and promote the implementation of its strategic priorities. It also hosts regional network gatherings each year for key leaders and staff in schools. (Details pages 22-24)



EREA Congress - Charting New Horizons

“The people of Jerusalem devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and companionship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as many had need.”

The purpose of the 2018 Congress is to gather the EREA community and its partners, reflect upon EREA’s mission as it has been expressed since the 2012 Congress and to determine the broad directions of EREA in the next period of its story.

Congress delegates will include representatives from EREA Member and Associate Schools, EREA Council, Board, Executive and National Office Teams, Christian Brothers and other Religious Institutes, Catholic Education as well as invited guests from a range of international and local communities and traditions.

The EREA Congress will provide the opportunity to:

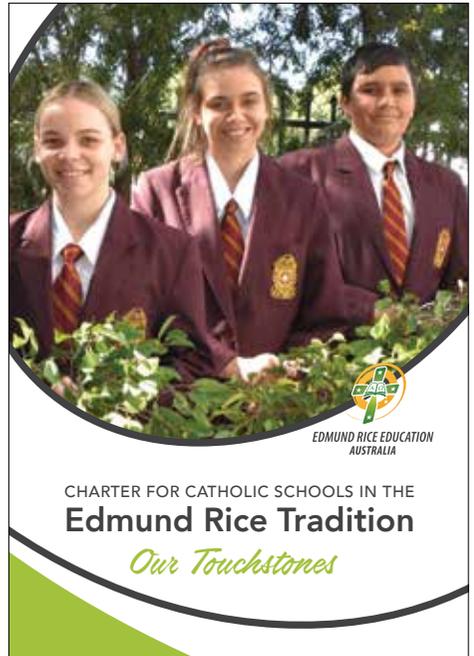
- engage in dialogue about the experiences of EREA since the last Congress
- identify and celebrate the significant areas of growth and transformation
- vision the new horizons for EREA within the context of the broader Australian Church

The four EREA Charter touchstones, Gospel Spirituality, Justice and Solidarity, Inclusive Community and Liberating Education, will be used to frame the Congress program and associated symbols and imagery will use the language of journey, exploration, charts and maps.

Date: 7 - 9th September

Venue: Melbourne

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EREA National Core Formation Programs

I The Formation Framework: the wisdom setting our course

'The Good Seed Will Grow' – a Formation Framework for Edmund Rice Communities in Oceania' is used to plan, design and review the experiences offered to program participants as the suite of EREA National Core Formation Programs.

In the spirit of this Framework, the underlying focus of all programs is to provide opportunities for staff in our schools and from within the broader Edmund Rice community, *'to interpret, integrate and engage with Our Sacred Story in order to continue to bring that story to life.'* (The Good Seed Will Grow, page 7)

II Our Sacred Story: the wisdom shaping our Programs

Formation emerges from encounter with a larger story that reveals to us something more of life. Subsequently our programs recognise that, *"At the heart of Our Sacred Story, is the Mystery of the Divine, whom we name God, breathing life into, and evoking wholeness within all creation. By entering into and immersing ourselves in Our Sacred Story, we encounter this mystery."* (The Good Seed Will Grow, page 8)



III Participant Engagement: the wisdom enhancing our outcomes

The Identity and Liberating Education Team offers support to school communities to ensure that the National Programs both draw from, and build on, the range of local formation experiences operating at the school level.

Outcomes are heightened when program participation occurs as an integrated experience involving:

- **Preparation:** school-facilitated personal and collective learning and reflection opportunities relevant to each program in the lead up to the gathering
- **Communal gathering:** school-supported 'face-to-face' dialogue and sharing
- **Continuing the Exploration:** school-initiated opportunities for further group learning

www.erea.edu.au/programs for more info.

A Call to Mission – Galilee

An induction program for people new to EREA schools and Edmund Rice communities.

This two-day, non-residential program provides an opportunity to meet people from other schools and ministries, to listen to their stories and to share common hopes. Through dialogue, input and reflection participants engage with what it means to be part of an Edmund Rice community and consider ways to contribute to this global network.

A Call to Mission – Galilee provides an introduction to the four sacred stories that are the source of inspiration for our mission as Edmund Rice communities: the Mystery we name God, the Life of Jesus, the Response of Edmund and Our Participation.

The program draws from the priorities set for Jesus' mission in Mark's Gospel (1:14-15): being good news, responding to the present, holding a vision of a better world and calling others to action. **A call to Mission – Galilee** offers participants an opportunity to explore how they bring this "good news" to life.

Participation in this program can be used to fulfil accreditation requirements in some dioceses.

As a participant, this program:

- Connects you with other members of the Edmund Rice community;
- Enriches your understanding of the religious and cultural context of your community;
- Builds your confidence to engage in dialogue about EREA's educational priorities; and
- Enhances your appreciation of the gifts that you bring to your community.

Previous program participants have said:

- *"The program reaffirmed for me why I do what I do!"*
- *"It reinforced for me the need for each person to feel valued; I am now more conscious of the positive impact I can have on others."*
- *"I was inspired to become more involved in justice activities."*
- *"I now appreciate the true purpose and focus of my work."*

For dates and registration details, go to www.erea.edu.au/galilee



A Call to Leadership – Into the Deep

A program for leaders in EREA schools and Edmund Rice communities.

This two-day, residential program provides participants with the opportunity to meet and connect with other people called to the service of leadership. The program is intended for newly appointed leaders, those beginning their leadership journey with EREA, or emerging leaders nominated by their community.

A Call to Leadership – Into the Deep

will explore the rewards and challenges of our work today, applying the vision of the Gospel, Edmund Rice and the Christian Brothers to our own situations through dialogue, critical reflection and active learning. Participants will be invited to draw upon the experience of their peers in order to respond in concrete and innovative ways to the challenges they face as leaders.

The program draws from the call of Peter in Luke's gospel (5:1-11), where Jesus informs his first disciples that they will be catching people "alive" and leading them to the fullness of life that is God's vision of love, justice, peace and compassion for all creation: the Reign of God. **A Call to Leadership – Into the Deep** offers participants an opportunity to explore how they might participate in working for the Reign of God as leaders in Edmund Rice communities.

As a participant, this program:

- affirms the skills and experience that you bring as a leader in your community;
- provides a collegial network of support where you can safely discuss challenges;
- supports you in leading others in dialogue about EREA's mission and educational priorities; and
- develops skills that support ongoing learning, self-understanding and advocacy.

Previous program participants have said:

- *"It offered a sense of perspective; I could step back and look at the bigger picture."*
- *"The program helped me to focus on my priorities and goals in leadership and separate the essential from the distractions in my role."*
- *"I feel empowered to more readily trust my own instincts and judgements."*
- *"I have come to realise the need to take risks, embrace what I can change and understand and accept what I can't."*

For dates and registration details, go to www.erea.edu.au/into-the-deep



A Call to Transformation – Mt Sinai

A program for people with at least five years' experience in EREA schools or Edmund Rice communities.

This two-day, residential program provides participants with the opportunity for personal reflection, affirming conversation and renewed focus for the continuation of their journey. The program celebrates the wisdom and insight gained from ministry in an Edmund Rice community, and invites participants to integrate their personal story with the stories of our tradition to encourage their ongoing contribution.

A Call to Transformation – Mt Sinai offers participants opportunities to explore those special spaces in life that have provided a glimpse of God's presence and to apply the vision of the Gospel in being attentive to the needs of others.

The program draws upon the story of Moses' encounter with the burning bush in Exodus (3:1-12). After "turning aside" from his everyday work, he is called by God to

respond to the pain and suffering of his people. As agents of transformation in the world, we too are called to pay attention to the needs of those who struggle in our communities and beyond.

As a participant, this program:

- emphasises the importance of personal reflection in bringing clarity to your work;
- invites you to be open to the needs of the most vulnerable in your community;
- reinforces your capacity to act as an agent of change within your community;
- invites you to encourage, support and affirm others in your community.

Previous program participants have said:

- *"It highlighted my responsibility to not just the children, but the entire community."*
- *"It helped me recognise and value my own growth and maturity as a staff member."*
- *"It reconnected me to a sense of belonging and purpose."*
- *"I now appreciate how much I can enrich my community by being myself – just sharing time, story, and laughter breeds care."*

For dates and registration details, go to www.erea.edu.au/mt-sinai



A Vision for Liberation – Break Every Yoke

A national program for senior leaders in EREA schools and Edmund Rice communities.

This three-day, residential program brings together leaders from across the EREA community, providing opportunities for personal reflection, dialogue with other leaders, and exploration of the stories that shape the way we understand our identity and mission. This program invites participation from those who have previously completed *A Call to Leadership – Into the Deep*.

The program encourages participants to consider how they might “speak with authority as a prophetic voice in the Church and the world”, Isaiah 58:6 (*The Good Seed Will Grow*). It asks us to consider the challenges facing our communities and the world in which we live and the ways in which we might respond, locally and globally. It also offers the opportunity to experience contemporary responses to the pressing issues of our times within the wider Edmund Rice network.

A Vision for Liberation – Break Every Yoke calls us to take seriously the words of the prophet Isaiah, who reminds us of God’s vision of compassion, justice and peace that is at the heart of the Gospel: “Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to unlock the shackles of injustice, to loosen the ropes of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke” (58:6).

As a participant, this program:

- considers ways in which we might work towards a vision for liberation as members of the EREA community;
- offers opportunities for you to examine your own leadership and explore new ideas and approaches within a collegial environment;
- explores ways to articulate a vision of hope amidst ecological, social-economic and spiritual crises facing the world today;
- provides opportunities for silence, prayer, mindfulness and reflective practice.

Previous program participants have said:

- *“The program affirmed my strategic and collaborative approach, but made me question whether my decisions are passionate and bold enough.”*
- *“The program challenged me to share my own life experiences more openly, as a way to help others embrace my leadership priorities.”*
- *“I have now regained my focus and direction as a Department leader.”*
- *“I am now more attentive to how I am present to people; it is the quality of this presence that shapes people’s response to leadership.”*

For dates and registration details, go to www.erea.edu.au/break-every-yoke

EREA National Core Formation Programs Program Schedule 2018

For program details and to register, go to: www.erea.edu.au/register

A Call to Mission – Galilee

Identify and expand participant connection with our sacred stories.

Eastern

7 & 8 March:

Mary MacKillop Centre, North Sydney

12 & 13 June:

Mary MacKillop Centre, North Sydney

13 & 14 Sept: ACU, North Sydney

Northern

15 & 16 March: Mercy Place, Bardon

1 & 2 May: Mercy Place, Bardon

Southern

9 & 10 May: Treacy Centre, Parkville

6 & 7 June: Treacy Centre, Parkville

Western (South Australia)

21 & 22 March:

St Paul's Monastery, Glen Osmond

16 & 17 May:

St Paul's Monastery, Glen Osmond

Western (Western Australia)

14 & 15 March:

Newman Siena Centre, Doubleview

22 & 23 May:

Newman Siena Centre, Doubleview

A Call to Transformation – Mt Sinai

Identify and encourage participant contribution to community transformation.

Eastern

15 - 16 November:

Winbourne Retreat Centre, Mulgoa

Northern

18 - 19 October:

Santa Teresa Centre, Ormiston

Southern

3 - 4 September:

St Joseph's Centre, Williamstown

Western (South Australia)

7 - 8 November:

St Paul's Monastery, Glen Osmond

Western (Western Australia)

23 & 24 October:

Westcourt, Salter Point

A Call to Leadership – Into the Deep

Identify and explore participant experiences of leadership.

Eastern

27 - 28 August:
Winbourne Retreat Centre,
Mulgoa

Northern

16 - 17 August:
Santa Teresa Centre,
Ormiston

Southern

21 - 22 August:
Amberley Centre,
Lower Plenty

Western (South Australia)

23 - 24 August:
Ignatian Spirituality Centre,
Sevenhill

Western (Western Australia)

8 - 9 August:
SJOG Retreat Centre,
Safety Bay

A Vision of Liberation – Break Every Yoke

Confirm and enhance participant capacity as a prophetic leader.

National Programs offered:

Option 1:

28 February - 2 March:
Winbourne Retreat Centre,
Mulgoa, NSW

Option 2:

30 May - 1 June:
Campion Spirituality Centre,
Kew, Victoria

EREBB Leadership Certificate

The Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) Leadership Certificate is an international online course developed by EREBB, Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST) in Ireland, and Marino Institute of Education (MIE).

The EREBB Leadership Certificate supports teachers, educators, leaders, and those aspiring to leadership in Edmund Rice schools and educational communities to become advocates and proponents of inclusive and liberating education practices.

This interactive 20-hour course consists of four modules of self-directed learning, which participants can complete in their own time and at their own pace. The course is moderated by MIE staff in Dublin, Ireland. Course participants will receive an EREBB Leadership Certificate.

On completion of the course, participants will have successfully:

- Studied the history and heritage of Edmund Rice, and how charism is a way of being, a quality of care and a presence inspired by the Gospel message in response to the needs of contemporary culture
- Explore Edmund Rice Education and Values and how they apply in the current global context
- Understood what spiritual leadership is and how to lead in religiously diverse contexts
- Engaged with issues pertaining to social justice, advocacy and human rights, and particularly explored how schools and education in general can advocate on these issues.

To learn more about or register for the EREBB Leadership Certificate, please visit **www.mie.ie/erebb**

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School Based Formation

1. Staff Formation

The Identity and Liberating Education Team can support staff with school specific support. Possible areas for facilitated exploration with full or partial staff groups include:

- The Charter and Touchstones
- The Formation Framework
- Laudato Si and Sustainability
- Educating For Justice and Peace
- Edmund Rice Charism / Icon
- Youth Spirituality
- Spiritual Leadership
- Immersion and Partnership
- Mission inspired strategic planning
- Ecological Spitiuality
- Catholic Identity

The full-day program 'A Quiet Revolution' provides a introduction to the charism of Edmund Rice from a historical perspective and explores current expressions. It examines the story of the Christian Brothers and their contribution to education in Australia.

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2. Board Formation

EREA provides opportunities for School Boards to have formation in mission and governance to help School Board members grow in the understanding of their role and responsibilities, particularly their role in helping the school to provide authentic Catholic Education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Board Member Induction

New EREA School Board members are expected to attend a Board Induction program prior to, or during, the first year of Board membership. These are offered on a regional basis. Extra programs may be offered on site at schools outside cities with a regional office. This is a one night 3-hour program covering aspects of mission and governance.

Regional Board Members Gatherings

In 2018, all Board members are asked to attend a regional gathering which will focus on the responsibilities of an EREA School Board. Particular emphasis is given to the relationship between the EREA Board Design document and the development of agendas which align with responsibilities.

Formation Modules

Each EREA School has received a copy of the Board Formation Resource containing short units which can be used as part of School Board Meetings.

Formation Opportunities for individual EREA School Boards

School Boards wishing to arrange extended formation experiences or retreats are encouraged to discuss this with the National Office Identity and Liberating Education Team.

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Immersion Overview

“Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes, for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on people’s dreams. More serious still, we may forget that God was here before our arrival.”

(Maryknoll)

Edmund Rice Education Australia is committed to developing positive and mutually beneficial relationships with communities in Indigenous Australia and the Majority World. It encourages and supports global immersions and partnership programs as a valid and valuable educational experience.

The Catholic call to global solidarity and the quest for justice and peace for all is at the heart of these experiences.

Global immersions and partnerships provide excellent opportunities for school communities to develop relationships of solidarity across borders; learn about global justice issues; join together with others as part of a common humanity; and act together for justice and peace in our world. They also inspire our communities in their own faith journey and connect them with the faith journey of others.

EREA offers a number of immersion programs for staff throughout the year. Each of these programs has components of preparation, professional readings, experiential learning, faith formation, debriefing and action planning.

“The trouble is that once you see it, you can’t unsee it. And once you’ve seen it, keeping quiet, saying nothing, becomes as political an act as speaking out. There is no innocence. Either way you’re accountable.”

(Arundhati Roy)



South America Immersion

Dates: 30 June - 22 July, 2018

The experience, which will encompass Peru, Argentina and Uruguay, will provide participants with the opportunity to immerse in the work of the Church and the Christian Brothers and show solidarity with our Edmund Rice schools in these countries. It will also allow participants to explore the richness of the Latin American cultures, spirituality and landscapes.

During the program participants will:

- Visit the places where Liberation Theology and a Preferential Option for the Poor developed and took root;
- Engage with Edmund Rice schools in Peru, Argentina and Uruguay and share with educators and students;
- Experience the liberating education they offer and learn from their outreach and justice education programs;

- Experience and participate in the spirituality and culture of Latin America;
- Visit Cusco and Machu Picchu and learn about the Inca culture as well as the effects of Spanish colonisation of South America;
- Build community and reflect and pray together with other educators from Edmund Rice schools from across the world.

“If I define my neighbour as the one that I must go out to look for, on the highways and byways, in the factories and slums, on the farms and in the mines, then my world changes.”

(Gustavo Gutierrez Peruvian theologian and founder of Liberation Theology.)

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Africa Immersion

Dates: 20 September - 5 October, 2018

The diverse continent of Africa has formed some of the greatest leaders of modern times. People like Nelson Mandela, Wangari Maathai, Desmond Tutu and Julius Nyerere have shaped not only Africa, but also the way the world views justice, oppression, faith and a quest for a common humanity. This immersion will explore their own and others' leadership through visiting and connecting with some amazing faith-based schools and programs on the ground in Kenya and South Africa. It will provide opportunities for participants to develop skills to offer a liberating education in their own school communities.

During the program participants will:

- Visit the transformational work that the Church and the Christian Brothers are conducting with people in poverty and living with HIV/Aids;
- Share with families in Kibera Slum (Kenya) and homestay in Soweto Township (South Africa).
- Experience African liturgies and explore faith and spirituality from an African perspective;
- Dialogue with key leaders in the Kenyan and South African Communities and explore how the leadership style of prominent African Leaders have influenced change locally and globally;
- Explore approaches to justice and peace education through experiencing how schools in Africa educate their students to build a better world for all;
- Build community and reflect and pray together with other educators from across Edmund Rice schools.

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Let's Talk EREA: Indigenous Immersion

Dates: 21 – 27 October, 2018

Are you interested in undertaking an immersion with Indigenous people to develop first hand an understanding of Indigenous culture, spirituality and the quest for justice?

This program will appeal to educational leaders who are interested in supporting the educational achievement of Indigenous students and furthering Reconciliation in Australia. It also provides an opportunity for EREA staff to reflect upon the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Policy.

The Let's Talk program was developed in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and London in 1997 amidst the climate of the Irish Peace Process. Let's Talk events

have centered upon issues of peace and conflict, identity, human rights, socio-economic issues and Australian Aboriginal principles of reconciliation. Through the journey, elements of these issues will arise through dialogue with locals and elders when visiting communities and places of significance to the Aboriginal people of north-west NSW. The Let's Talk facilitators will ensure all participants are guided and supported through what has proven to be an inspirational journey, an experience you will never forget.

This immersion is a three way partnership between the Edmund Rice Centre, Edmund Rice Education Australia and the Indigenous communities of North-West NSW.



Conferences, Gatherings and Networking Opportunities

These initiatives are coordinated through the mission teams of EREA. Further details on programs will be distributed at a later date. Liaison with the appropriate person can be arranged by contacting the National Office. Go to www.erea.edu.au/networking-gatherings for more info.

Principals

Principals meet regionally and nationally. Associate schools are invited to attend the National Conference.

National Conference: 13-15 June, Adelaide

Southern Regional Principals Meeting (Melbourne) 5 March

Western Regional Principals Meeting (Adelaide) 7 March

Northern Regional Principals Meeting (Brisbane) 13 March

Eastern Regional Principals Meeting (Sydney) 14 March

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Deputy Principals

Deputy Principals meet regionally and nationally. Associate Schools are invited to attend the National Conference.

National Conference: 6-8 August, Brisbane

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Identity Leaders

Identity Leaders meet regionally and nationally. The first term regional gathering is extended to include Identity teams, the group of staff in each school which may have responsibilities or interest within the area of Identity, while the fourth term regional gathering is for Identity Leaders only. Associate schools are invited to any of the regional and national gatherings.

National Conference: 30-31 July, Melbourne

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Senior Leaders Induction

The induction program caters for personnel recently appointed to Senior Leadership positions throughout EREA – Principals, Deputy Principals, Business Managers and Senior Leaders in EREA offices. Program participants will gather in February for one and a half days (Feb 19-20). EREA National Office staff will contact applicable leaders.

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Conferences, Gatherings and Networking Opportunities - continued

Student Leadership Conference

This National gathering brings together EREA school captains and offers an opportunity for networking, goal setting and the sharing of hopes and challenges for their year of leadership in the school community. The four-day program invites participants to develop their own personal charter of leadership within a context of reflection upon the current issues of priority shared by all EREA communities.

Student Leadership Conference:
17-20 January, Melbourne

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Leaders of Learning Regional Gatherings

These regional gatherings provide an opportunity for leaders with key responsibility for student learning to come together to reflect on practice, share ideas and consider initial outcomes from the EREA Congress.

Northern 18 September

Eastern 20 September

Western 26 September (SA)
16 October (WA)

Southern 23 October

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Junior School Leaders

The gathering of Junior School Leaders is usually over two days. This program caters for Leaders in Junior, Primary or Middle School structures in EREA schools. Similar leaders in EREA Associate schools are also welcome to participate. This program aims to provide the opportunity for these leaders to share the contemporary expression of the charism through their leadership within their particular context as well as having an opportunity to share professional issues and initiatives.

National Gathering: 21-23 March, Sydney

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Business Managers

The annual gathering of Business Managers is held over three days. The program includes formation through considering the contemporary expressions of the charism, professional input, details of EREA requirements and opportunities for sharing best practice.

National Gathering: 30 May - 1 June, Brisbane

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Conferences, Gatherings and Networking Opportunities - continued

Youth+ Doing Schools Differently Conference

This Conference will bring together educators, researchers, policy makers and young people who are involved in education for young people who experience many barriers to success in, or are disenfranchised from, mainstream education. Our EREA Youth+ staff and young people will have a significant involvement in this Conference.

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Yingadi Encounter – Lake Mungo

Dates: 26 February – 2 March
(Departs Melbourne)

13 –17 August
(Departs Bendigo/Shepparton)

This immersion opportunity invites participants to experience the ancient sands of Lake Mungo, walking in harmony with the land to touch the sacredness of Aboriginal spirituality.

The program offers an encounter with Aboriginal tradition and story, and the chance to dialogue with people who feel at one with this special place.

Offered through the Christian Brothers Oceania Province, this five-day program is ideally suited for those seeking a deeper appreciation of their own sense of place and a richer understanding of Aboriginal connection with their spirit and home.

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Our Formation Framework for Edmund Rice Communities



In its entirety, *The Spiral* embodies the Mystery of the Divine, present in the unfolding of creation.

Representing our ever emerging consciousness of this Mystery and this all embracing presence, the white strand of the spiral unfurls into life, infusing all space and time. This ushers forth new revelations of God in the *life of Jesus*, which in-turn inspires the response of *Edmund. Our participation* as co-creators invites us to bring ongoing life and contemporary form to this ever expanding story.

The Sails represent the three elements of the *Dynamic of Formation*:

Moved by the Spirit

- breathing life into all that we do

Alive in Relationship

- in solidarity with all life on earth

Called to Liberation

- agents of transformation in our world

Each element provides us with ways to interpret, integrate and to engage with Our Sacred Story in order to continue to bring that story to life. The Visualisation captures the continuous movement of *The Sails* emerging from and spiralling through *Our Sacred Story*.



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but to tend a blooming garden full of life."*

Pope John XXIII
