



Expression
of Interest

Year 11 and Year 12 Science Excursion **Exmouth Adventure**

DURING TERM 1 HOLIDAYS, 2026

Trip can also be counted towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award Adventurous Journey (AJ)

MLC School's Science department is pleased to collaborate with the Duke of Edinburgh team to offer a highly engaging Science excursion focused on hands-on learning while undertaking activities and research in an environment that has been described as a 'bucket list' location. This tour is for students currently in Year 10 (Year 11, 2026) who either plan to undertake scientific study in Biology, Chemistry or Physics OR or who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Silver requirements in 2025 before moving to Gold in 2026.

This excursion has been designed to comply with Duke of Edinburgh AJ requirements. It provides a fantastic opportunity to gain a better understanding of the beauty of nature and develop teamwork and leadership skills, all while exploring your chosen subject, in the unique landscape of Western Australia. Make lifelong memories and friendships while participating in activities such as camping, kayaking and snorkelling in such a unique setting.



Highlights:

• **Sea kayaking** a different section of pristine Ningaloo coastline daily in a double sea kayak. Explore inside the fringing reef; the lagoon is rarely more than 3m deep, perfect for spotting turtles, rays and schools of fish (sometimes we see dolphins and dugongs). Guides will provide the all-important paddling instruction and safety talk, kayak are launched and participants travel along the coast at a relaxed pace, stopping on secluded beaches for morning tea and lunch along the way.

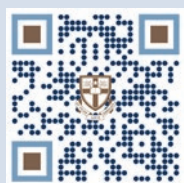
• **Snorkel** different and amazing sites each day. With over 500 species of fish and 300 species of coral at Ningaloo, there's always something different to see. Along with traditional 'shore-based' sites such as Turquoise Bay, Oyster Stacks and Lakeside, discover sites you won't find on any map. Participants also take the opportunity to snorkel from the kayaks where possible.

• For those with courage, there's a chance to **swim with a whale shark***. The Ningaloo Reef hosts an aggregation of up to 600 whale sharks who return to the area to feed, making it one of the best places in the world to spot these gentle giants in the wild. Whale sharks can grow up to 18 meters in length, with a mouth over a meter wide; designed for the perfect consumption of plankton and krill. Despite their name, whale sharks are filter feeders and are harmless to humans.

• **Return to base camp** which is equipped with picnic tables, a shaded shelter, a fridge, solar showers and a toilet.

• **Guided bush walks** will take you to the ancient landscape and stunning views of Mandu Mandu Gorge and Yardie Creek Gorge. Participants usually enjoy this walk in the late afternoon to spot the rock wallabies as they emerge from the cliffs to feed, while taking in the beautiful west coast sunset.

There is an expectation that students who are not doing Science will be active Duke of Edinburgh participants who are going on the trip to complete either a Silver or Gold Adventurous Journey.



Complete an expression of interest online here <https://forms.office.com/r/hsa4uHxG99> to ensure that your daughter is considered for a position on the trip.



**TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2026
TO WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026**

APPROX COST: \$5,500
(Includes return airfares,
accommodation, and all meals)

Inclusions:

- School and trip provider insurance cover
- Double sit-inside sea kayak
- Chance to see and swim with whale sharks*
- Long sleeve sun shirts, broad-brim hats and PFDs (life jackets)
- Snorkeling gear: snorkel, mask and fins, wetsuit in season
- Gloves (fingerless paddling gloves are great for sun protection and blister prevention)
- Dry bags
- Tents, swags, pillows, sleeping bags and liners, camp chairs, camper trailer with fridge, wind and shade shelter, picnic tables, toilet and solar showers
- Healthy, delicious food and non-alcoholic drinks
- National Park entry and camping fees
- Qualified and experienced guides
- Students will complete both the Practice and Qualifying sections of the Adventurous Journey

* Whale shark migration is unpredictable; the tour provider strives to provide the best wildlife experience possible on the Ningaloo Reef on the day. The company we have selected uses spotter planes to increase the likelihood of seeing a whale shark.

^ Subject to change

Positions on the trip will be allocated in the following order:

1. Science students currently taking part in Duke of Edinburgh
2. Science students
3. Non-Science students actively participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award

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