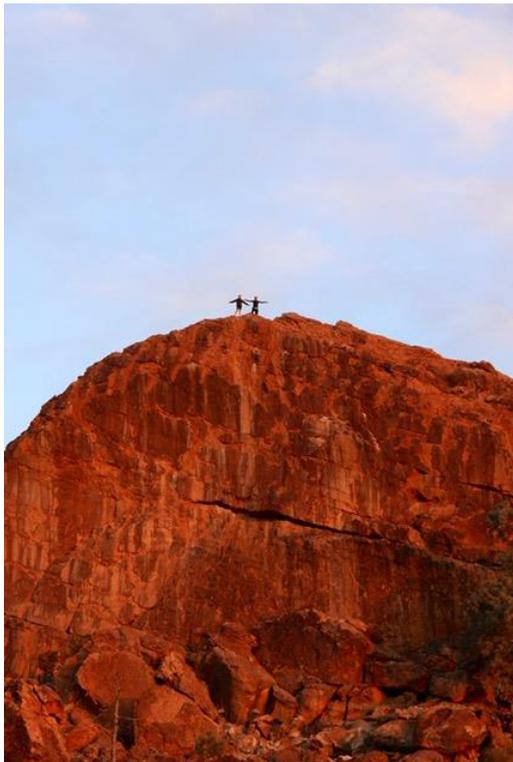


## Outdoor Education



*Raak Plain*

We are so excited to be back in the bush this year! After being at home last year for longer than any of us can remember, we are delighted to be planning for a full year of camps. We can't make up all the trips that the children missed, but we are having a really good go at it. The class 9s missed most of the planned trips last year and we are trying to provide some of the experiences that they were so looking forward to. We will be going to Nungatta four times in the first half of this year with all of the class 9s and 10s and also to Mutawintji twice with each of the class 8s and 9s. We realise that lots of classes missed planned trips last year and we are committed to making those up where we can, but the class 9s were particularly hard hit and so we're trying to respond to their needs first.



*Mutawintji*

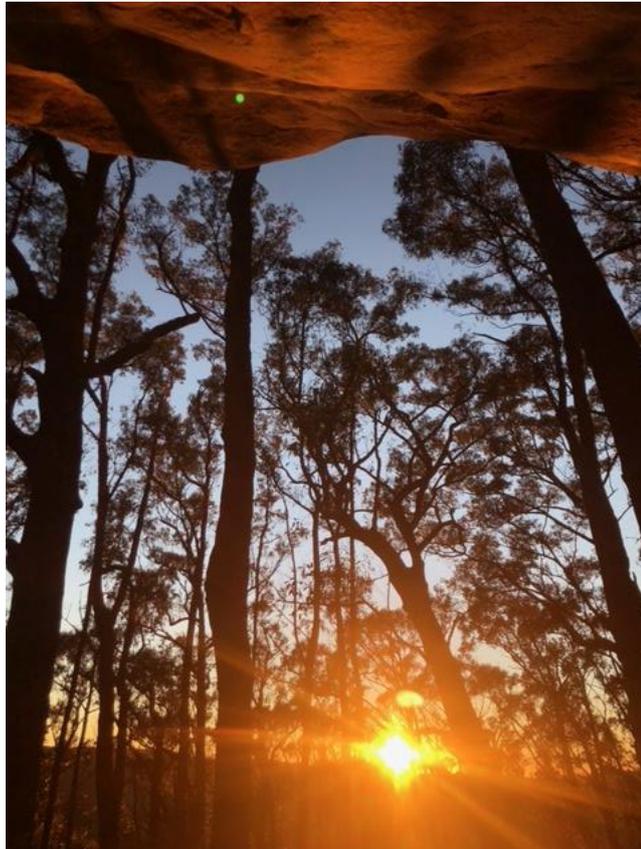
After the bushfires at the end of 2019 damaged some of the buildings at Nungatta, it is wonderful to be able to plan four trips in which to undertake some of the rebuilding work and to anticipate the students playing a meaningful role in restoring such a special place.

Last year, among other things, reminded many in our community about how important it is to spend time in nature and to remember ourselves as part of a larger whole. Our outdoor program has as its primary aim the building of a reciprocal, respectful, reverent, storied, embodied relationship with natural places and the more-than-human lives lived there.

At the end of last year when we were able to return to the bush with the class 9s, 10s and 11s, it felt like the releasing of a long-held breath and the return to the joy of breathing.

The complexities of last year will still overshadow some aspects of our program this year and beyond, in terms of changes to the timetable of trips and short notice of trips and changes impacting some classes. We apologise sincerely for these impacts on you and ask for your understanding and support as we try to restore and rebuild the experiences of the students.

*Art Curl for the Outdoor Education Staff (Thank you to Grace for the photos))*



*Waking up beneath an overhand in the Grampians*