



**REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS NOW OPEN**

**Kids Teaching Kids at the**

# 2007 Melbourne Water Yarra River Youth Conference

June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 for World Environment Day

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The Melbourne Water Yarra River Youth Conference is the culmination of a process. This process involves students working with expert mentors many months prior to the event, and results in curriculum materials that will be in Melbourne Schools for many years after the event. Most importantly, the process is about promoting kids teaching kids as the highest form of learning and aiming for a cultural change in the way we view, use and perceive the Yarra River catchment.

The Conference is less about a conference and more about a lasting commitment to our youth and our Yarra - this is no 'flash in the pan' concept, it is the future of learning and the future of the Yarra River and its associated creeks and river systems.

## Details

**When:** June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 for World Environment Day

**Where:** Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and site/s along the Yarra River

**Who:** All Melbourne Schools - grades 5 to 11, maximum 2 teachers and 10 students

**Cost:** \$ 66 (includes GST, entry to the 2-day program, all meals, a spectacular conference dinner, bus travel during the event, exciting student workshops, access to award winning educators and mentors to prepare student presentations and participation in the environmental project day)

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## Important Information for Schools:

To extend the opportunity to as many schools and students across Melbourne we are accepting groups of between 3-10 students with 1-2 teachers from each school as per regional quotas below:

### Regional Quota System - Limits on school numbers from across Yarra Catchment

Upper Yarra - 65 places will be accepted (approx 6-10 schools)

Middle Yarra - 65 places will be accepted (approx 6-10 schools)

Lower Yarra - 65 places will be accepted (approx 6-10 schools)

Other areas across Melbourne - 60 places will be accepted (approx 6-10 schools)

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There will also be a cap of **20 Student Led Workshop Presentations** at the event - so we encourage schools to work together on presentations, to maximise involvement!

**Please register for both attendance and presentations early as this event will sell out very quickly.**

*"Research has found that Kids Teaching Kids pedagogy works well in terms of engaging students in environmental / resource management issues. At the River Health Conferences, for example, for a significant number of students, the experience of participating in Kids Teaching Kids activities appears to generate a sense of connection with local place and involvement with real local issues. Many students also seemed to express a sense of environmental responsibility and a developing sense of environmental and democratic agency. In other words, some students gained a sense of possibility for change, or a growing confidence in their capacity to actively participate in social and democratic processes involving environmental issues. In addition, through the actual experience of being Conference participants, students learn to be active, effective citizens and advocates for a sustainable future"*

Richard Wood, Ford One Planet Award Winning ex-Principal