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Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) is a free program available for approximately 4-6 students in a school between Years 5-7. Forums support enquiry-based, hands-on learning and information sharing back at school.

The Natural Resources Management (NRM) Young Environmental Program supports environmental sustainability in schools within the Northern and Yorke Region and contributes to the knowledge, skills and confidence of young people and educators to manage natural resources. The purpose of the YEL program is to expose students to new ideas and ways of learning about our environment. The program supports student-initiated action and youth voice, and seeks to enhance the sustainability performance of schools. In 2017 the YEL program will focus on Kids Teaching Kids and support students to share learnings with their peers and school community.

Schools are invited to be a part of this program and nominate students to become YEL leaders for their school. In 2017 the YEL program will provide YEL leaders with the following opportunities:

- **Develop Leadership Qualities** – Mentoring, motivating others, problem solving, communicating, decision making and enquiry-based learning.

- **Forums** - Held each Term, these forums provide hands-on learning opportunities and encompass a range of activities including Bugs and Slugs, land management practices, habitat restoration and sustainability. Forums held in Term 3 and 4 are usually held locally outdoors and involve professionals working within the environmental field in South Australia.

- **Kids Teaching Kids (KTK)** – YEL leaders will research a local environmental or land management issue and develop a workshop to teach other kids about it. Methods for peer teaching back at school will be developed and a Kids Teaching Kids workshop will be presented in Forum 4.

- **Sharing Badges** – Share environmental and sustainability messages throughout their school and local communities and earn up to five individual Sharing Badges.

There is also an opportunity to apply for a **$200 Sustainability Grant** to maintain existing environmental projects with school grounds or purchase materials required to facilitate a Kids Teaching Kids workshop.

*“Different locations, different students and mixing of activities makes the YEL program enjoyable and memorable. Students feel positive about the influence they have in the school”*.  
Mark Vincent, Clare Primary School
Kids Teaching Kids

In 2016 YEL leaders were asked to run a workshop for their peers following an outdoor forum. This year Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) will take centre stage!

In previous years YEL schools undertook a sustainable project in their school grounds such as a vegetable garden, chook shed or worm farm. In 2017 YEL leaders will instead research a local environmental or land management issue and develop a case study.

1. **Choose Your Issue** - YEL leaders will choose an issue together.
2. **Conduct Your Research** - In Terms 1 and 2 use investigative methods (interviews, site visits, library and online resources).
3. **Finalise a Kids Teaching Kids Workshop** - During Term 3 students will finalise a Kids Teaching Kids workshop to share their issue and findings with their peers. Workshops should be interactive and encourage students to ‘teach how they like to learn’. Examples include adapting *schoolyard games* to have an environmental message or facilitating a role play/puppet show.
4. **Deliver a Kids Teaching Kids Workshop** - In Term 4 YEL leaders will deliver their workshop at YEL Forum 4 and for their school or class.
5. **Share Your Learnings!** - YEL leaders are encouraged to share their issue and development of their case study throughout the school year with peers, teachers and parents.

This is a new direction for the YEL program and teachers and principals will be supported through a **FREE** Professional Development session!
Professional Development

Professional Development sessions are FREE and available for all educators.

Topic: Kids Teaching Kids - presented by Ally Borgelt
When: February 22nd 4.30 – 8.30 pm
Where: Natural Resources Centre, 155 Main North Road, Clare.

*Light supper and refreshments included*

“Kids Teaching Kids is a school-based education model that inspires young people to learn and care for their local environment. KTK uses local environmental issues as a theme for learning. The Kids Teaching Kids Learning Model uses ‘peer teaching and learning’ pedagogy – where the traditional roles of teacher and student change. The teachers become the facilitators and the students are empowered to take responsibility for their own learning.”

The session will introduce the philosophy behind KTK and upskill educators to be better able to support their students to develop a successful workshop.
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Registration Form

Please return this form to the contact person below by Friday 18th February 2017.

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………

School …………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Position: ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Phone: …………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Our school would like to be involved in the:

□ Young Environmental Leaders Program (YEL)
□ Teacher’s Professional Development Session on Kids Teaching Kids
   □ 1 educator attending, Name ________________________________
   □ 2 educators attending, Name ________________________________
      Name _______________________________________________

Principal signature………………………………………………………………………..

Teacher signature…………………………………………………………………………

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