



## Great Barrier Reef Discovery Workshop

### Reef Guardian School teacher professional development

To celebrate 20 years of the Reef Guardian Schools program in 2023, the [Reef Authority](#) in collaboration with [THINK Learning Studio](#), will be delivering a professional development opportunity for Reef Guardian School teachers.

The Great Barrier Reef Place-Based Learning Discovery Workshop ([Discovery Workshop](#)) aims to develop teachers' capacity and knowledge to deliver interdisciplinary project-based and place-based learning. It is an immersive experience, combining hands-on activities in one of the most inspiring locations in the world, the Great Barrier Reef. The Discovery Workshop is also an opportunity for teachers from across Queensland to network with each other and the Reef Authority's education team, with the aim of creating a network of Reef Guardian School Champions.

For more information about the Discovery Course please visit <https://thinklearningstudio.org/course/the-discovery-course-for-educators/>

#### Contact:

If you require any further information, please contact Julie Spencer (Project Officer Education Innovation) at [reefguardians@gbrmpa.gov.au](mailto:reefguardians@gbrmpa.gov.au)

#### Workshop dates:

The workshop will be held in Cairns and includes an overnight stay at Green Island, and a day trip to the Great Barrier Reef. It will take place from Monday 20 March to Friday 24 March 2023 (QLD State Schools Term 1, Week 9)

#### Who can apply?

Open to all Reef Guardian School teachers. As this workshop is teaching and learning pedagogical based training it may not be suitable for non-teaching staff.

Please complete the online nomination form - <https://forms.office.com/r/mPgsUCpj5A>

#### Cost:

- The course costs for the Discovery Workshop, travel, accommodation, and meals during the workshop will be covered by the Reef Authority.
  - Teachers will need to cover any meal costs during travel if required.
- Schools will need to cover any costs associated with teacher relief options for the week, please ensure this is discussed at the time of seeking Principal endorsement.



### Pre-workshop requirements:

- Teachers must provide evidence of Principal endorsement in the form of a letter/email supporting their attendance to the Discovery Workshop and commitment to becoming a Reef Guardian School Champion.
- All workshop participants will be required to undertake and complete the Think Learning Studio pre-course online training module (approx. 3 hours) prior to the commencement of the course.

### Discovery Workshop deliverables and post-training commitment:

- As part of the [Discovery Workshop](#), participants will be required to develop and deliver an education resource and/or project that can be delivered in their schools. These resources will be shared with Reef Authority's education team and may be further developed to be made publicly available for use by other schools and teachers on [www.reefed.edu.au](http://www.reefed.edu.au).
- Teacher participants will commit to becoming Reef Guardian School Champions and will share pedagogical learnings gained during the workshop with other Reef Guardian teachers and schools in their region through inter-school projects, events, or activities.

### How to apply:

Please discuss this professional development opportunity with your HOD/HOC or Principal. Once you have in principle support, please fill in the nomination form – <https://forms.office.com/r/mPqsUCpj5A>

Please note, this form cannot be saved as you go. You will be asked general contact information and to answer the following questions that the Reef Authority will use to select the teachers to participate in the Discovery Workshop (as there are limited spaces available).

- What inspired you to want to participate in the Discovery Workshop?
- How can project-based and place-based learning benefit your Reef Guardian School?
- Why do you want to be a Reef Guardian Champion?
- What activities or initiatives would you facilitate as a Reef Guardian Champion (i.e. inter-school or community projects, events or activities in your region)?
- Next year (2023) is the 20 year anniversary of the Reef Guardian School program, how might you celebrate this at your school?

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