TESEP Introducing Earth Science to young Australians

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Teacher Earth Science Education Programme

TESEP teaches the teachers

TESEP aims to:

Provide teachers with the knowledge, insights and materials to be comfortable with the subject matter.

TESEP delivers:

Professional Development materials in short webinars and face-to-face settings.

Unique, curriculum-linked resources for use in the classroom, the online classroom or the home-schooling environment.



TESEP teaches the teachers

The Teach-the-Teachers approach is designed to:

- Multiply the impact by knowledge transfer
- Multiply the impact on student understanding
- Engage and inspire teachers and students to learn more



TESEP PD Workshops for Teachers

- PD1: Round and Round with Rocks (The rock cycle, ore bodies and crustal geology)
- PD2: Riding the Climate Roller Coaster (The geological evidence for ancient and modern climate change)
- PD3: Greening coal (Carbon capture and storage for coal and other sources of CO2)
- PD4: Fossil sunlight
 (The story of the origin of all hydrocarbons)
- PD5: Wet rocks (The story of groundwaters)
- PD6: Hot rocks
 (Geothermal energy from all sorts of rocks)
- PD7: Our Place in Space
 (An out of this world look at where we are in space)
- PD8: Powerful stuff (the energy debate)
 (The geoscience of uranium ore and usage compared with all other energy sources)
- PD9: Plate Tectonics (The reason for the challenging Earth)
 (How the theory of Plate Tectonics was developed and how it is now used to understand the Earth, past and present)
- PD10: Critical minerals
 (Which minerals are critical and why?)



Teacher Earth Science Education Programme 2022 Partners

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Australian Institute of Geoscientists

SILVER PLUS

- Minerals Council of Australia, Victorian Division
- South32





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 Government of South Australia, Department for Energy and Mining

In-kind partners:

- AusGeol.org Virtual Library of Australia's Geology
- Australian Geoscience Council
- Australian Museum
- Australian National University RSES
- Bureau of Meteorology
- · Federation University Australia
- Geological Society of Australia
- Macquarie University
- Monash University
- Pyrenees Quarries
- Quantum Victoria College
- Scienceworks
- Victorian Space Science Education Centre



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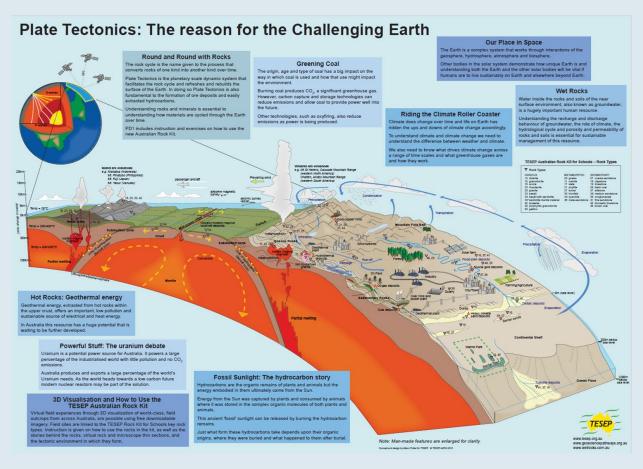
TESEP rock kits

- Box each of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks
- Linked to plate tectonic poster to show where and how they form
- Also to online resources:
 - Photomicrographs (Mac Uni)
 - 3D photography (AusGeol.org)

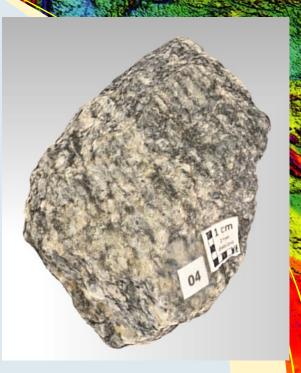


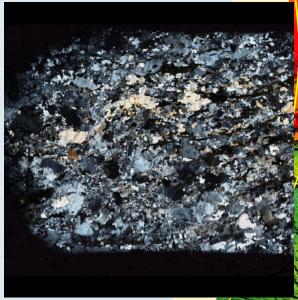


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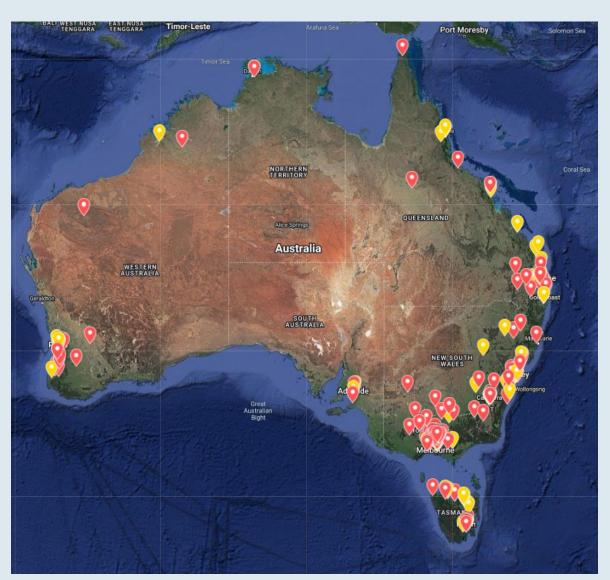
- Collection by AusGeol.org (@AusGeol) Sketchfab
- ImageMatrix Gallery (Macquarie University)



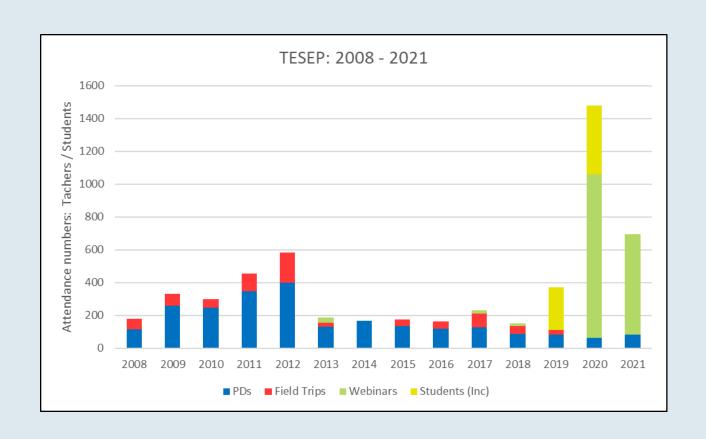




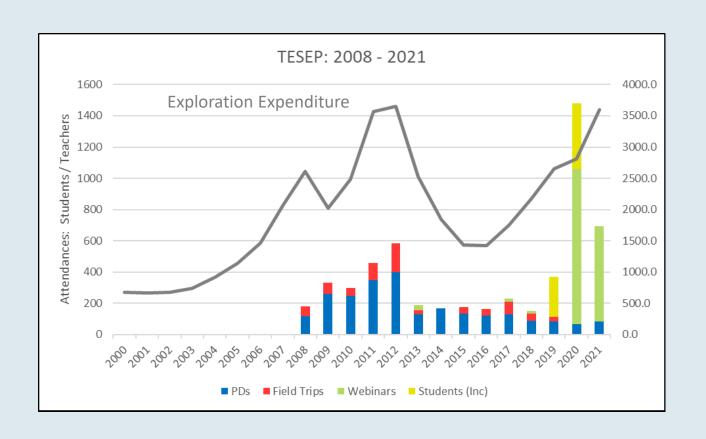
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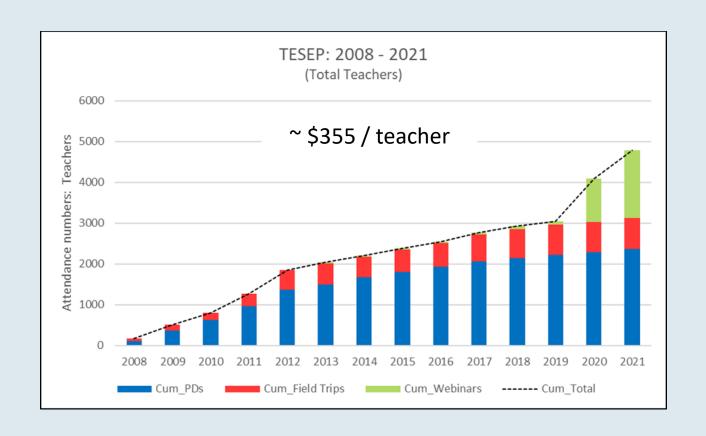
Annual Attendance Numbers



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Cumulative Attendance Numbers





Multipliers

For each teacher attending a PD workshop...

- Knowledge transfer to ~3 other teachers
- Each teacher has ~ 3 classes of 25 students
- One off transfer to 300 students

For 4789 teachers this means...

- ~1.4m student impacts in the first year
- Even more if transferred to more teachers or bigger classes



Hunter Valley















Teacher Feedback

(I will) have more confidence in addressing this topic in future.

Year 7-11 Mathematics/Science/Physics (1 year experience)

(These) activities were hands-on, easy-to-use and directly-connected to Science in the classroom!

Year 8-12 Science/Chemistry teacher (10 years experience

I am so impressed, so blown away, actually! It was a FANTASTIC day.

Year 5/6 teacher (35 years experience)

Yes, I will increase the amount of Geoscience I teach at all levels of Science.

Year 8-12 Sc/Biol/Chem teacher (5 years experience)

Great to improve my content knowledge with up-to-the-minute information.

Resources-phenomenal. Presenters-excellent.

It gives you confidence to pass on knowledge gained to both teachers and students.



Where to now?

TESEP will continue to deliver high quality and curriculum-relevant teacher training in the immediate-term.

But...

TESEP will only succeed in the long-term with the support of its partners.

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