MEETING WITH MARY-ANN PATTINSON: PRINCIPAL, NUDGE BEACH ENVIRONMENT CENTRE (NBEC). 21/7/10

Brokers: Tom McCue, Cameron Leeder, Eniko Miszti, Sarah White.

Three local high and a special school were identified as using current programs run by NBEC – bracken Ridge SHS, Sandgate SHS, Aspley SHS and Aspley SS as well as programs in Earth Smart Science for a number of primary schools in the immediate area.

The challenge might be to establish curriculum links for secondary school as their curriculum changes to the national model, and as grade 7 moves up to the high school domain.

There is a need to scope the area in Fitzgibbon under discussion to assess the potential of the site for curriculum links and then workshop with teachers from interested schools to establish what might be done to increase student engagement in practical environmental education.

The projects/programs could be run with students in years 7, 8 and 9, as they are part of our cohort within the next 3 year time frame.

There is also a year 10, 11 and 12 project- certificate III in Indigenous Conservation& Land Management run by one of the NBEC staff which could be used by students as part of the Cert III work, as they are currently looking for a site from which to run the program.

Meeting concluded with Mary-Ann agreeing to contact Karen Moran from ULDA to arrange a site visit to assess the site’s potential, and brokers agreeing to contact local principals to gauge their support for any projects which have been identified.

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