

Program Itinerary

Week A	
Arrival Sydney	The adventure begins with a flight into Sydney. Sydney is famous for its spectacular beaches and harbours. Students attend the official CASE opening ceremony and take part in an authentic welcome ceremony performed by Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Sydney	Students jump right into marine science at one the world's leading aquatic reserves. Under the guidance of biologists, students snorkel the underwater world and use critical thinking to discover what contributes to a healthy ocean and fish production.
Sydney	A visit to the National Maritime Museum allows students to investigate sustainability and ocean health using task-based learning and the latest underwater drone technology. In the afternoon students visit Australia's most prestigious university, the University of Sydney with a campus tour and admission session. Sightseeing of the bridge and Opera House is a must-do activity.
Sydney	The rocky platform along Sydney's Northern Beaches is a 'classroom' like no other. Students learn skills to collect, record and analyse data. Learning the importance of biodiversity, adaptations and classification will help students advance in the industry.
Sydney to Townsville	Each day students are empowered through the mPower Expression Zone. This sets the right attitude for the day ahead. Students depart Sydney and fly to Townsville, Queensland. Townsville is home to some of the brightest minds in the marine industry. A motivational guest speaker will present with plenty of question time in the evening.
Townsville	A full day of adventure begins with students boarding a boat to beautiful Magnetic Island. Here they jump in and join a reef recovery project. The project aims to make a positive environmental, social and economic change for reefs and local communities. Students learn about global pressures affecting the ocean.
Townsville	In a formal setting each ChallengeX team will sit with an industry professional to fine tune their project and ask as many questions as they wish. Students go behind the scenes at the Museum of Tropical Queensland to discover the mysteries of prehistoric oceans and changes to our climate.

Week B

Townsville	Students visit James Cook University to discover advances in Aquaculture, the fastest growing food sector. Experts engage with students as they participate in a hands-on learning experience. Transferable skills are put into action at the OceanU forum. Teams challenge each other's perspectives, learning to be dynamic in a multi-layered business discussion.
Townsville to Cairns	After the morning mPower session, students board a bus and road-trip to Cairns. Upon arrival, students play a game of beach volleyball with their friends. The CASE ChallengeX team presentations are held as students demonstrate their creativity, project management and leadership skills. Who will go to the final round?
Cairns	A full day of adventure begins as students board a boat to the Great Barrier Reef. A large floating pontoon is equipped to host the students. Teaming up with a Master Reef Guide, they snorkel to collect critical reef health information. By the end of the day students will have a deep understanding of sustainable management and will have explored one of the 7 natural wonders of the world.
Cairns	Today a ferry takes students to a barrier reef island where they spend the day as a researcher designing and performing their own project. Creating a hypothesis and method, students explore their chosen topic and present their results to the group. This project is an insight into what future studies could look like beyond school.
Cairns	A challenging morning with the CASE ChallengeX finals. Bringing together the knowledge and skills acquired, teams present to a panel of experts. To unwind, a breathtaking gondola ride takes students above the world's oldest rainforest. The graduation ceremony takes place with the Tjapukai People. Students become immersed in the ancient culture and finish with an awards ceremony and buffet dinner.
Cairns Departure	Expedition complete! Departing from Cairns Airport, students reflect on their journey and share stories and memories with friends they have made along the way.

*Proposed itinerary- program is subject to change, and weeks A and B are interchangeable