

# School Visits to Mt Stirling



The Avon Valley Environmental Society (AVES) wanted to make local school children and community members aware of the significance of the Mt Stirling site. The students were also taken to view the Caroline Gap and were told of the significance of the Yilgarn and Lockhart subcatchments of the Avon river and its importance in the water quality of the Avon River. The site contains significant and rare flora and fauna as well as being a place of natural attractiveness. Students and community members were exposed to experts in environment, catchment and Aboriginal matters. Four schools participated, St Josephs Primary and Secondary Students, Avonvale Primary School and West Northam Primary School. Project materials were prepared by the AVES.

The students and their families were bussed to Mt Stirling Nature Reserve. The students then walked to the top of the range in order to observe the

confluence of the Lockhart and the Yilgarn Rivers with Salt River. They observed the way the water flowed through the Caroline Gap. The significance of the site from a catchment point of view was explained. Guest speakers explained the significance of the site to Aboriginal custodians, and from a flora and fauna point of view with special reference to the Black Flanked Rock Wallaby. Students examined rocks, insects, plants and identified scats from several animals. A pamphlet was produced and given to each student. 89 students from Years 7—10 attended, with six guest speakers.

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Black Flanked Rock Wallaby.



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