



Cosmology *in High Schools*

The Cosmos and the concepts it encompasses have piqued our curiosity from time immemorial. Within the Australian National Curriculum, there is explicit mention of topics relating to Cosmology, in Year 10 Science and Year 11 Physics.

We are a team of academic educators and astrophysicists, conducting a large-scale study into teaching and learning cosmology in high schools around Australia. The aim of the study is to paint a rich picture of student knowledge in cosmology, which will lead to the development of resources and innovative teaching strategies to allow teachers to provide students with authentic experiences in the topic.

If you teach Years 10 (Science), 11 (Physics) and 12 (Physics), and are interested in participating in the first stage of the this study, please contact:

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The study will lead to the development of resources and assessment tools for use in teaching topics of cosmology in the classroom. Teachers participating in this study will have access to all these resources and a detailed report from the study.