Water in the World –
A new digital resource

Western Sydney University with INSW and NSW SES, is developing a set of digital resources for the study of Stage 4 “Water in the World”. The project uses the lens of flooding in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley as the major case study for this topic. The resource is targeted at school students in order to help them understand the risks and potential impact of flooding in the overall picture of management of water.

The Project

Unit of work and resources are currently in draft and will be further developed over the coming weeks. This is a cross-sectoral school project, due to be trialled with Stage 4 students and teachers in Term 3, 2019 and officially launched in Term 4.

It is a cross-sectoral schools project, which will include FIELDWORK, INQUIRY BASED LEARNING, PROBLEM BASED LEARNING, GEOGRAPHICAL SKILLS, CASE STUDIES, CURRENT DATA and will launch with NESA Accredited Professional Development for teachers in Term 4.

Teachers and schools in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley area will be invited to attend the launch, and funding will be available for teacher Professional Development on how to use the resources. Teachers from Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley schools will be eligible for paid release to attend.

School Nomination

We seek interest from a range of schools in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley catchment, from Government and Non-Government sectors, to engage with trialling these resources. You are kindly invited to nominate your school to work with WSU on the trial for this important project, which is also supported by the Department of Education (NSWDoE), Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW). It is anticipated that participation will be beneficial to schools, as they will have exclusive access to quality learning materials endorsed by NSW SES. Western Sydney University (WSU) will also work with schools to ensure teachers are fully informed and supported throughout the trial.

For more information about the project, or to participate in the Stage 4 trial email Project Lead Dr Kay Carroll k.carroll@westernsydney.edu.au or Research Project Officer: Sasha Jessop s.jessop@westernsydney.edu.au