School: Campbelltown Performing Arts High School with Western Sydney University and Campbelltown City Council

Project Name: Eric the Eel - A 'Love Your Lagoons' project

Background:

In 2014, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School began a research project with Western Sydney University investigating how students could authentically engage with a local wetlands area to promote sustainability.

As part of their investigations, students contacted Campbelltown City Council to answer their questions and provide real-world answers to their questions. Working together they have created a number of products and ideas to promote sustainable use of a wetlands area, including the children’s picture book Eric the Eel.

Campbelltown City Council have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to ensuring that students have an active voice in their local community and are involved in the development and production of potential projects.

The partnership between Campbelltown City Council and Campbelltown Performing Arts High School has grown throughout the duration of the project and beyond, resulting in heightened levels of student engagement.