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CAASTRO in the Classroom

“The astronomy of Aboriginal Australians”

Aboriginal people in Australia have a rich astronomical tradition such as the “emu in the sky” constellation of dark clouds, and stories about the Sun, Moon, and Orion, revealing a depth and complexity of Aboriginal cultures which are not widely appreciated by outsiders.

You and your students are invited to join Prof. Ray Norris as he explores the traditions and the treasury of ancient Aboriginal knowledge, and their search for meaning in the sky. This talk will cover topics mainly from the Physics Stage 4 Syllabus, but in general is accessible for all parts and stages of the curriculum. Your students are encouraged to chat with a professional astronomer about what it’s like to be a scientist and the tools that astronomers use to understand the Universe.

The session will run on

3rd April 2013 11:00 - 11:45am

There is no charge for schools to participate. Please register by completing the booking form on the DART website at <http://dartconnections.org.au/DART-excursions/aboriginal-astronomy?Back=False>.

You can learn more about our program at <http://www.caastro.org/cite>.

Dial in number on your videoconference unit: 521052654



Prof. Ray Norris is a British/Australian astronomer with CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science. He frequently appears on radio and TV, performs in a stage show called "The First Astronomers?", and has recently published a novel, Graven Images.