Under this agreement for 2017
Paluma Environmental Education Centre will receive $5,000

This funding will be used to

- Contribute to the North Queensland Region’s focus on improving student literacy
- Increase students’ access to extension activities within the learning area of English
- Provide an opportunity for students from the North Queensland Region to participate in a Fantasy Writers’ Camp

Our initiatives include

- Providing an extension opportunity for students by supporting the implementation of The Australian Curriculum: English and the General Capability: Literacy
- Delivering a four-day, residential excursion at Paluma for approximately 20-25 local Year 5/6 students, with a focus on developing a literary narrative in collaboration with a published children’s author
- Providing an opportunity for professional learning and skill development for accompanying staff through working with a published children’s author and local artist/illustrator

Our school will improve student outcomes by

- Engaging a published, Australian children’s author to deliver workshops for students and supervising teachers throughout the excursion
- Engaging a local artist / art teacher to assist with student illustrations and provide guidance and professional development for supervising teachers to enhance practice in classroom settings
- Providing materials/resources and printing finished student works

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