



Dear parent/guardians,

Ecolinc's **S.T.E.A.M Ahead** program is part of the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series, an initiative of the Department of Education and Training that provides enrichment opportunities to extend high ability students in Victorian government schools so that they are better supported to excel and reach their full potential.

Your son/daughter _____ has been selected to participate in the **S.T.E.A.M Ahead 'Secrets of Eromanga'** program on August 5th 2026 via video conference.

'Secrets of Eromanga' has been designed for Years 3-4 high ability students. Palaeontologist and PhD Candidate, Tim Richards, from the University of Queensland will lead an exciting presentation followed by a Q&A session. The session will focus on fossil clues from what was once the Eromanga inland sea. A short break will then be followed by an engaging hands-on session called Drawing Fossils where students will work on a trilobite fossil sketch suited to a paleontological field journal. They will discover fascinating facts about this now extinct animal as they prepare their sketch.

This program is fully subsidised and therefore there is no cost to participate. The program will be delivered virtually via video conference.

Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series

S.T.E.A.M Ahead – *Secrets of Eromanga*

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the

VCES S.T.E.A.M Ahead – *Secrets of Eromanga* program on August 5th 2026.

I understand that this program will be delivered virtually by **Ecolinc Science & Technology Innovation Centre** (Department of Education & Training).

Parent name:

Date:

Signature:

