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NASA Spaceward Bound Mojave Teachers Selected

The selection process for the Australian Teachers to attend Spaceward Bound Mojave 2010 has recently been finalised. MSA are pleased to announce that 3 science teachers will have the opportunity of a lifetime to participate in the Mojave expedition, which is scheduled to run between the 28th of March and the 2nd of April.

The three teachers are; Jane Hall-Dadson, Head of Science at Exeter High School in Tasmania, Dr Kenneth Silburn, Head Science Teacher at Casula High School in NSW and Danielle Shean, Lead Educator from the Victorian Space Science Education Centre.

“Each of these successful candidates have a diverse range of talents and experiences that are of relevance to the ongoing research and the educational aims of Spaceward Bound, and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the expedition”, said Mark Gargano, Teacher Selection Coordinator for Australian applicants for Spaceward Bound Mojave.

The program will begin with a series of preparation web casts on February 17th, where the teachers will hear why the Mojave is an important area of study for planetary scientists and links to what explorers may find on the Moon and Mars. Teachers, students, scientists and engineers will perform scientific fieldwork in lunar geology, Mars astrobiology and Mars geology and these sessions will get this research group all working together before getting to the Desert Studies Center in Zzyzx.

Further details will be announced as the expedition commencement date approaches. MSA hopes that for the teachers concerned it will be the beginning of a very exciting new chapter in their careers as science teachers.

For more information about NASA Spaceward Bound project, please refer to the website at; <http://quest.nasa.gov/projects/spacewardbound/>