Cool Futures
Children, schools, and climate change

Invitation to Collaborate
1st Research Program Meeting - Tuesday 25th November

What is Cool Futures?
The Cool Futures program is an opportunity to put children and schools at the centre of the nation’s response to climate change. The challenges of climate change are urgent and complex. There is a good deal of grassroots action, but much more could be achieved through rapid sharing of smart local solutions and by finding ways to engage many more people – children and their schools and families – in direct action. This applies to both reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change.

Cool Futures will research new Internet technologies (Web 2.0 and advanced monitoring, modelling, and visualisation technologies) to provide an infrastructure for large numbers of children to compete and collaborate in the development of innovative local solutions to problems of climate change thereby supporting teachers and schools with rich tasks that are aligned with the new national curriculum in subject areas ranging from science to social sciences and the arts. In so doing, Cool Futures provides a unique opportunity to advance the current priorities of three areas of this Government: the Digital Education Revolution, Climate Change, and the National Curriculum.

Who is involved?
Peter Freebody, Peter Goodyear, Peter Reimann, Michael Jacobson and Kate Thompson are leading this initiative.

Why come to the meeting?
We see this as an emerging area of research for CoCo and the Faculty with opportunities for funding large and complex projects. Members of faculty interested in learning more about the possibilities for this research program or wishing to contribute ideas for collaboration are invited to attend.

Details: 25th November 12pm – 2pm, Room 230

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