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## Sky News Presenter Celina Edmonds to visit McGuire Secondary College

AUSTAR for schools are very excited to announce that Sky News presenter Celina Edmonds will be travelling to schools in regional Victoria as part of the AUSTAR for schools News and Media Month in April.

Sky News presenter, Celina Edmonds will visit Shepparton on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to host a unique news and media workshop for lucky media studies students at McGuire Secondary College. Celina has worked in the media for 17 years and has worked at Sky News for approximately four years, hosting Sky News First Edition with Terry Willesee. Celina is a familiar face to audiences after previously working for Network Ten and the ABC.

Celina will share with students some of the most remarkable news stories she has reported on for Sky News and students will have the opportunity to compile a 'local news story' showcasing something of interest in the local Shepparton community. Celina will also discuss her background with students and opportunities to get involved in the television and media industry.

News presenter Celina Edmonds says that he is delighted to be involved in the AUSTAR for schools program and is looking forward to visiting schools in regional Victoria as part of the AUSTAR for schools News and Media Month in April.

*"My first jobs in journalism were in regional and country areas, so I'm really looking forward to meeting students in Shepparton, Bendigo and Ballarat. I made-up my mind when I was 16 that I wanted to be in the media, and it was because of a chance meeting with the editor of a magazine. I've now worked in the industry for 19 years and the media has changed in that time. News comes to us now from so many different sources and I think it's more important than ever to make students aware of how the news is gathered and created."*

The AUSTAR for schools News and Media Month is an extension of the existing curriculum based schools program including a subscription of 20 educational channels provided to schools in the AUSTAR service area free of charge. The program also includes exciting extracurricular activities with AUSTAR personalities visiting schools across the country helping to inspire students and further bring education to life.

One of the key objectives of the new AUSTAR for schools program is to understand and support the important issues and interests of the students, teachers, parents and wider community from a grassroots education perspective and address these with initiatives that are in line with the core values of the AUSTAR brand.

Upon completion of each school visit AUSTAR will present a \$2000 grant to the participating school, to be used by the school towards educational resources for their students.

AUSTAR believes that quality education for regional Australian children is integral to the bright future of Australia and AUSTAR for schools is our way of making a positive contribution to this future.

### **AUSTAR for schools channels**

- The History Channel
- Discovery Channel
- National Geographic Channel
- The Weather Channel
- Sky News Australia
- ABC 1
- SBS
- BBC World
- CNN
- The LifeStyle Channel
- LifeStyle Food Channel
- Ovation
- Discovery Travel and Living
- Discovery Home and Health
- Discovery Science
- Aurora Community Television
- National Indigenous Television
- Sky News Business
- Animal Planet
- Australian Public Affairs Channel

To find out more about the AUSTAR for schools program and the other exciting interactive activities planned for 2009, visit the AUSTAR for schools website [www.schools.austar.com.au](http://www.schools.austar.com.au)

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