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PARALLEL WILDS *St Michaels* **2025 M2M Landcare *MEDIA RELEASE***

UK Award Winning 3D Creative Youth Platform, Parallel Wilds, is coming to St Michaels in Tallangatta from 11am-3pm on Wednesday and Thursday 20-21 August. The two days of workshops have been funded by Mitta to Murray (M2M) Landcare via Border Trust FRRR Bushfire Recovery funding.

The innovative workshop focuses on the future of wilderness and regenerative power of the natural world. Students will interact with a Gamify model that Parallel Wilds has developed with Australian Wildlife Conservancy and be empowered to research and create a virtual story through the eyes of native species. Students will engage with Virtual Reality Headsets to view Parallel Wilds projects.

Since its inception at Outdoor School Bogong in 2021, Parallel Wilds has developed over 35 projects in regional shires and schools, including two residencies with Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria in Ovens Valley in 2023. In 2024, Parallel Wilds and Young Somerset won the Group Category of the UK Creative Freedom Award of creative works generated in UK national parks.

M2M Landcare will support the project with a guest speaker presentation. Towong Shire will assist in-kind with promotion and is providing the launch venue for 29 October, where all 6 school projects will be displayed together at Tallangatta Library, and online to schools. The St Michaels 3D project is to be set on the shoreline of Lake Hume.

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