



“Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives.”

- Thomas Berry

The EcoCentre’s nature play activities aligns to the Early Years Learning Framework delivering play-based quality learning opportunities. Our incursions and excursions are offered as 45min or 60min sessions with special rates available when more than 1 session is booked on the same day.

nature play activities

We all are connected to nature and to our communities in some way or another. These connections begin in early childhood and are cultivated through joyful encounters that inspire wonder and curiosity.

In order to care for our world, from our backyards to the other side of the globe, we must first get to know and fall in love with it. In early childhood there is an opportunity to provide the foundations for developing an attitude of responsibility and stewardship.

The EcoCentre’s Early Learning incursion and excursion program builds on this philosophy and our activities are designed to cultivate a deeper understanding of sustainability. Children are engaged in curious nature play with a focus on the wonders of the natural world. Through our programs children develop a sense of responsibility and respect for nature that leads to action.



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**Early Learning Centres,
Kindergarten, Prep - Yr 2**

The EcoCentre's programs for early learners provide a spark for community action. Children move through a development scope and sequence, from wonder to action.

The following programs are offered as incursions or excursions:

Meet your Neighbours

A wildlife discovery that will take you by surprise. Our own backyards are home to so many creatures and all we need do is take a close look!



Mini Beast Safari (insect habitat)

Bugs are everywhere and they are a healthy part of any outdoor space! How can we attract bugs to our outdoor spaces and what can we learn by watching them closely?

Whilst discovering the wonder of biodiversity of animal species, children learn about the important connections between living things and their habitats and apply this understanding and appreciation to the world outside their early learning centres and their homes.

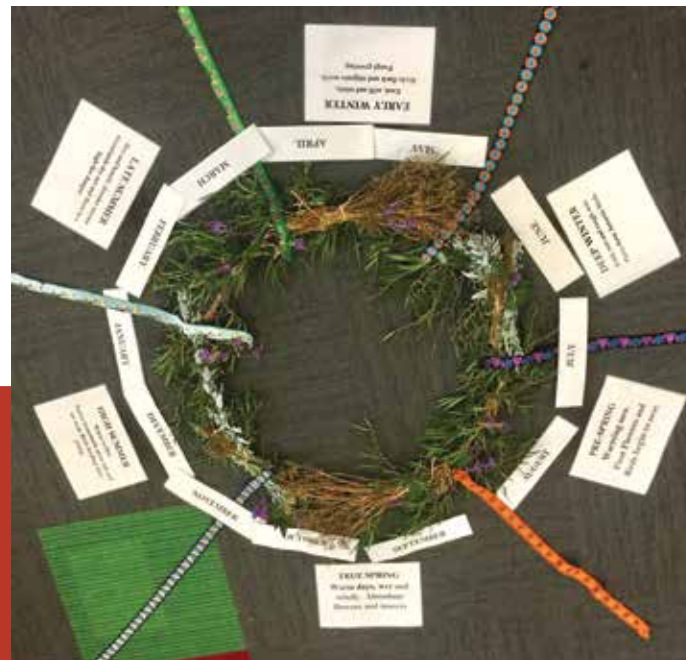
By creating vegetable and sensory gardens children will become aware of where food comes from and what healthy food is. They learn about the work micro-organisms do, how worms improve the health of soil. What are the sensory stimulus possibilities in your garden?

Sensory Garden

A garden can delight your sense of sight, taste, touch and your sense of hearing. Learn how can we create them and bring them indoors.

Edible & Indigenous Gardens

Indigenous plants have been an important part of Aboriginal people's diets and attract insects, birds and wildlife. There are many edible plants that are easy to grow and delicious to eat. Learn what can you grow in your garden?



Captain Trash

This musical pirate can't abide waste and litter and is ready to use his 6 aaaaRRRRRs (rethink, refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and removal) to spread the word.



Learning about litter and waste through creative play leads to the discovery of how waste is created. Children are capable of taking this learning to the community beyond their centres, where they might even initiate community action around the issue of litter.

Worm School

Worms have a lot to teach us! Let's follow them beneath the soil and see what an important part they play in soil and plant health and in the recycling of organic waste. Children learn about the work worms do and how to create a composting system.