

Why?

To build relationships to inspire, educate and demonstrate sustainable environmental practice and reconnect people to the natural world.

How?

- Physical connection to the environment
- Active, hands-on exploration
- Collection of research data
- Analysing and reflecting on issues
- Taking action for change

Who?

Our staff (teachers, marine biologists and environmental educators) cater for the full range of P-12 year levels, including special education.

All programs are mapped to the Victorian Curriculum.

Where?

Our Outdoor Learning classrooms include:

- St Kilda Pier
- West beach
- EcoCentre, St Kilda Botanical Gardens

Next steps

When making an inquiry the following the following details will assist our Education Team to tailor an excursion that meets your curriculum needs:

- School name
- Year level
- Number of students/ classes
- Sustainability topic and excursion outcomes
- Proposed dates
- Teacher contact name, email and phone number

"It was a wonderful excursion. Engaging sessions, interesting information pitched at the right level, great workshop leaders, beautiful setting. Wonderful links to curriculum. Thank you for such an enriching experience. We will be back!"

Primary Teacher – term 4 2017

"Thank you for the wonderful experience we had at the excursion. It was really enjoyable and educational for the students and related strongly to our topic in class."

Secondary teacher term 3 2017

Excursions are available for schools within 1 hour of sustainable transport from the EcoCentre.



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Environmental Education Excursions



Learning in an Outdoor Classroom

New STEAM excursions

Learning in an outdoor classroom, through hands on experiences in real places, connects students deeply to the world around them.

Our excursions allow students to develop a sense of personal agency, social well-being and active citizenship by engaging with current issues affecting local and global communities

St Kilda Pier and West Beach

Junior Primary P-3

- Little Penguin neighbours
- War on Waste – litter audits
- Shell and mollusc treasure hunt
- Food webs, lifecycles and habitats
- Plant and animal adaptations
- Taking action for our environment



Senior Primary 4-6 and Secondary 7-12

Marine Ecosystems

STEAM

- Data collection and classification through shell surveys
- Adaptations to the environment and life cycles, including penguins
- Exploration of various ecosystems, including food webs and habitats
- Analysis of human influence and personal action for change



Port Phillip Bay

- Plant ecosystems and classification of species
- Indigenous perspectives and connection to the land
- Coastal foreshores including weathering and erosion experiments
- Data collection through litter transects and audits
- Community action for sustainability
- Melbourne as a liveable city



EcoHouse - St Kilda Botanical Gardens

Sustainable living and Urban biodiversity

Junior Primary P-3

- Wise use of Energy and Water
- Food production and vegetable gardens
- Indigenous bush tucker plants
- War on Waste – waste and recycling
- War on Waste - compost and worms
- Habitat and backyard wildlife
- Adaptations of plants and animals
- Mini-beast safari

Senior Primary 4-6 and Secondary 7-12

STEAM

- Sustainable building design
- EcoHouse water saving technology
- Measuring and auditing energy use
- War on Waste – Waste and litter audits at home or school
- Wildlife in the suburbs - Habitat and urban corridors
- Indigenous perspectives
- Taking Action – creating habitat solutions