



PRIMARY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Hobsons Bay City Council offers a suite of free programs and incursions to help local schools teach their students about the environment, conservation and sustainability.

All of our content is delivered through fun, interactive sessions which are tailored to the year level and linked to the Victorian curriculum. Learn about our 2024 environmental education offerings below!



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ONE-OFF INCURSIONS

BEYOND THE BIN 2
Available throughout the year
Grades P-6

Fun and practical waste education sessions to encourage conversations about the environment.

FOOD EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING (FEAST) 3
Available throughout the year
Grades 5-6

Program by food waste charity OzHarvest teaching students to fight food waste and improve healthy eating outcomes.

RANGER VISITS 4
Available throughout the year
Grades P-6

Interactive incursions highlighting local plant and animal life.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS 5
Grades P-6

Engage students to create green spaces, increase tree canopy and improve wildlife corridors within the school grounds.

ONE-OFF EXCURSIONS

LOVE YOUR LOCALS AT WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO 6
Available Term 3
Grades 5-6

Educational day at Werribee Open Range Zoo empowering students to look at how their local community can limit threats to endangered species and habitats.

RANGER EXCURSIONS 7
Available Term 2 and Term 3
Grades P-6

Interactive excursions and hands-on activities to immerse students in nature.

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

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BEYOND THE BIN

RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Beyond The Bin is a Council-funded, curriculum-aligned incursion for all primary school students. This free program engages students in fun and practical sessions to promote connection with our local environment and provide education about recycling.

ALIGNED TO THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM

Technology and Society

- Identify how people create familiar designed solutions and consider sustainability to meet personal and local community needs (VCDSTS013)

Science

- People use science in their daily lives (VCSSU041)
- Objects are made of materials that have observable properties (VCSSU044)
- Everyday materials can be physically changed or combined with other materials in a variety of ways for particular purposes (VCSSU045)
- Earth's resources are used in a variety of ways (VCSSU047)
- Science as a human endeavour (VCSSU056)

Geography

- Environmental and human influences on the location and characteristics of places and the management of spaces within them (VCGGK096)



NO EXTRA WORK FOR TEACHERS

Our sessions are delivered by experienced facilitators who all have up-to-date Working with Children Checks, and all materials are provided. Teachers can choose to participate or simply supervise.

SESSION OUTLINE

One block, 45–50 minutes

Introduction

- Story book and discussion of key themes: environment, waste, sustainability, animal life, activism

Beyond the bin

- How to recycle right at home
- Video: Where does my recycling go?
- What we can do to help the planet
- Interactive class activity: Which bin?

Conclusion

- Students decide on a small act they can make to help our environment
- Students receive a take-home gift to encourage family discussion



HOW TO BOOK:

Use the QR code or visit [this webpage](#). Follow the prompts to register your interest, and we will contact you to confirm your booking.



Featured on ABC's War On Waste!

OZHARVEST F.E.A.S.T

RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

FEAST (Food Education and Sustainability Training) is a Council-funded, curriculum-aligned program by food waste charity OzHarvest.

This program can be delivered as an incursion which teaches grades 5 and 6 students to fight food waste and improve healthy eating outcomes, or a ready-to-teach 6–10 week program to promote a deeper understanding of sustainable eating.

FREE 'A TASTE OF FEAST' SESSIONS

This one-off free 45-minute session offers local students and teachers a snippet of OzHarvest's full FEAST program. This session, led by an experienced OzHarvest Facilitator, will inspire your students to eat nutritiously, waste less and become community change-makers.

ALIGNED TO THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code to view the Curriculum Package.



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SESSION OUTLINE

Participating schools have the option to enrol in the **full, teacher-led 6–10 week program** or try the **single session 'Taste of FEAST'** led by an OzHarvest facilitator. Many educators choose to undertake the extended program after trying the one-off session.

A TASTE OF FEAST (45 MINUTES)*

Presentation

- 30-minute presentation introducing food waste in a fun, engaging format

Demonstration

- 15-minute low-cost, healthy cooking demonstration, including options for student volunteers to get involved

* Only available for one session per school per year. We can cater to large groups of combined classes.

FEAST (6-10 WEEK PROGRAM)

Includes:

- Unit of work developed to align with the year 5 and 6 STEM program
- 10 x lesson plans
- Student activities and online worksheets
- Teacher's answer booklets
- FEAST practical cooking guide
- Hot and cold recipes for cooking in the classroom

HOW TO BOOK:

Use the QR code or visit [the Sustainable Schools webpage](#). Follow the prompts to register your interest, and we will contact you to confirm your booking.

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RANGER VISITS

RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We provide free, interactive incursions with our Conservation Rangers for all primary school year levels.

These incursions are engaging and informative, and can be customised to suit the year level and your classroom focus.

Topics of discussion include wildlife and plant talks, as well as the option of a taxidermy animal display to educate students about the unique features of our local wildlife.



SESSION OUTLINE

The Ranger Visits can run for up to 2 hours for maximum three classes (approx. 40 minutes per class) and can be tailored to suit the group size, interests and needs.

PLANT TALK

Our experienced and knowledgeable Conservation Rangers can host an interactive chat about the importance of locally indigenous trees, shrubs, grasses, herbs and flowers, and the role they play in our local ecosystem.

WILDLIFE CHATS

With help from our collection of taxidermy animal species, the Rangers can conduct an age-appropriate talk about our hugely diverse local wildlife and the unique features which help them to survive in our environment.



HOW TO BOOK:

Use the QR code or visit [the Ranger Bookings webpage](#). Follow the prompts to register your interest, and we will contact you to confirm your booking.


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TREES FOR SCHOOLS: ALL LEVELS

Receive trees to plant in your school! All primary and secondary schools within Hobsons Bay are eligible to express their interest to receive up to 50 native tube stock (seedlings) to plant within their school grounds. Let's make our city and your school a cooler and greener place to be.

Trees will be available to plant during the cooler months of the year which is the best time of year for planting. **National Schools Tree Day on 26 July** is the perfect time to get involved!



ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

Additionally, schools in the west with an area of 200sqm or larger will also have the opportunity to apply with EcoDynamics nursery to provide trees, mulch and planting works for their school.

KEY DATES

- **5th March 2024**
Expressions of interest open
- **5th June 2024**
World Environment Day
successful applicants notified
- **26th July 2024**
National Schools Tree Day
recommended planting day

HOW TO BOOK:

Use the QR code or visit [trees for schools webpage](#). Follow the instructions to register your interest.



WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO EXCURSION

RUNS IN TERM 3

Your school is invited learn about our incredible local species and their unique habitat at a free, fun-filled and educational day at Werribee Open Range Zoo.

The excursion is designed to broaden student knowledge on local environment, Indigenous and sustainability issues. The program also empowers students to look at how their local community can reduce environmental impact and limit threats to endangered species and habitats.

SESSION OUTLINE

The excursion will take place in Term 3 2024 and includes free buses from your school to the zoo and back.

On the day students will be engaged to:

- foster a greater understanding and appreciation of Hobsons Bay's endangered species
- gain knowledge on local environment, Indigenous and sustainability issues
- look at positive actions we can take as individuals and as a community to lessen our environmental impact and reduce threats to endangered species and habitats



ALIGNED TO THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM

Science

- Civics and Citizenship
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Ethical Capability

Humanities

- Geography and History
- Personal and Social Capability

To be involved in the Love Your Locals excursion, we require some class preparation including:

- class attendance to an online webinar in Term 3
- class response to a specific question about creating safe habitats for animals. The response could be a model, poetry, artwork, song, play, poster, digital presentation or any other creative format to highlight how green and wildlife friendly the western region could look in the future.

HOW TO BOOK:

Use the QR code or visit [the Love Your Locals excursion webpage](#). Follow the prompts to register your interest, and we will contact you with more information.

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RANGER EXCURSIONS

RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We can host interactive excursions with our Rangers to provide students with a greater understanding of their local area and the ecosystems which exist around them. Students will be immersed in the impressive nature of Hobsons Bay, with the option to participate in hands-on conservation activities themselves!



SESSION OUTLINE

Sessions run for up to 2 hours and structure is flexible to allow for tailored delivery. The Rangers can discuss this with you once your booking has been received.

TOURS

Tour one of the many significant conservation reserves or beaches in Hobsons Bay, gaining first-hand knowledge from the Conservation Rangers and team who care for them daily. Learn about the significant bird life at the Paisley Challis Wetlands or Rifle Range, view native wildflowers in Spring at Truganina Park, or learn about how a quarry and landfill became a thriving bushland at Newport Lakes. We recommend discussing location options with the Rangers to find a reserve close-by and relevant to your class.

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Do your bit and take part in a guided, hands-on conservation activity! Students can get their hands dirty with tasks such as mulching or watering in a local park or reserve, allowing them to get up close with nature and learn about the tasks that our Conservation team undertakes daily to keep the reserves at their healthy best!

Please Note: Planting events are seasonal and can only take place in Term 2 and 3. Opportunities are limited – please contact us if you wish to discuss planting possibilities



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OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

While these are our core offerings for primary schools, we have a range of environmental education offerings for most year levels. Please visit the webpages linked throughout this catalogue to learn more, or reach out to our teams if you cannot find what you're looking for.



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Got some questions, ideas, or feedback?
We would love to hear from you.

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