



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 2026 environmental education offerings below!



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INCURSIONS (one-off)

BEYOND THE BIN 3

Available throughout the year | Grades P-6

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

RANGER VISITS 4

Available throughout the year | Grades P-6

Interactive incursions highlighting local plant and animal life.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS 5

Available throughout the year | Grades P-6

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

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE 6

Available Term 1 & Term 2 | Grades 3-6

Learn about sustainable transport and empower students to act for a better future.

EXCURSIONS (one-off)

LOVE YOUR LOCALS AT 7

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

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 8

Available Term 2 and Term 3 | Grades P-6

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

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

- Design and Technologies
- Science
- Geography



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

PLEASE NOTE:

- Schools can book a maximum of 4 sessions per semester (subject to availability)
- Very limited places available; early bookings essential
- Maximum 30 students per session



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.

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.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS

Let's make our city and your school a cooler and greener place.

All schools within Hobsons Bay are eligible to receive up to 50 native seedlings to plant within their school grounds.

Applications open in March.

[Express your interest via our webpage](#) to be kept up to date with the program.



Seedlings, stakes and tree guards will be delivered to your school.

Schools National Tree Day is late July. This is a great day to plant and get students involved!

KEY DATES

- **March 2026**
Program launch
- **June 2026**
Successful applications notified
- **July 2026**
Recommended planting time

PLEASE NOTE: The above are approximate dates. [Visit our website for the most recent updates.](#)



HOW TO BOOK:

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

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE INCURSION

RUNS TERM 1 & TERM 2

Step into the future of travel! Students will discover how sustainable transport makes cities vibrant and enjoyable, while helping protect our planet. They'll learn how our everyday transport choices impact climate change and what we can do to make a difference.



NO ADDITIONAL WORK FOR TEACHERS

Sessions are delivered by experienced facilitators. We provide all materials and required resources – teachers have the option to participate or simply supervise.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Connect to Earth's natural resources and understand how transport is a major contributor to climate change and global warming
- Understand the impacts of combustion engines and electric engines and their effect on our environment
- Explore sustainable transport solutions and how they can be applied to their local communities to help lower greenhouse gas emissions

PLEASE NOTE:

- Schools can book a minimum of 2 sessions and a maximum of 4 sessions, to be delivered on the one day.
- Limited places available so bookings are essential.



HOW TO BOOK:

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

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO EXCURSION

RUNS IN TERM 3

Your school is invited to 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 2026 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

Program subject to change at the request of Werribee Zoo



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.

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



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.

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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