



SECONDARY 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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SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**BEYOND THE BIN
(for World Environment day)**
Available 1-5 June 2026 | Years 7 – 8

Waste education to encourage conversations about the environment; running in line with World Environment Day.

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**TACKLING CLIMATE
CHANGE INCURSION**
Available Term 1 & Term 2 | Years 7 – 8

Learn about climate change and empower students to act for a better future.

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RANGER EXCURSIONS
Year round | Years 7 – 12

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

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TREES FOR SCHOOLS
Term 2 and 3 | Years 7 – 12

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

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BEYOND THE BIN

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

RUNS 1–5 June 2026 (TERM 2)

Across one week in Term 2, Council offers one-off waste education sessions to local high schools covering the topics of waste, recycling and the environment. These fun, interactive and educational sessions are linked to the Victorian curriculum and designed to align with World Environment Day (June 5).

ABOUT THIS SESSION

Students learn what goes in each bin, and the journey our waste takes beyond the bin. Each session runs for 45-50 minutes and includes a variety of engaging, age-appropriate activities.

CURRICULUM LINKS

- Geography
- Science
- Design & Technology



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 just sit back, relax and leave it to us.

What teachers have said about the program:

“It was amazing. Engaging.
Lovely presenter.”

“Lots of engagement from students and inspired critical thinking and questioning. A very informative session that taught the students (and teachers) some great ways to deal with waste.”

“My students enjoyed the mix and match organising activity. Good balance for this age group of screen, pen and paper, sorting, and discussion.”w

PLEASE NOTE:

- Schools can book a minimum of 2 sessions and a maximum of 5 sessions, to be delivered on the one day.
- Limited places available so bookings are essential.



HOW TO BOOK:

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

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE INCURSION

RUNS TERM 1 & TERM 2

Students explore electricity production impacts on climate change, and consider alternate ways that people can contribute to a sustainable future. They learn about systemic change concepts and ways to advocate for a just and healthy planet.



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

- Explain what climate change is and the effects it has on our environment
- Identify the major global systems that are contributing to climate change
- Discuss actions they can take on an individual level to create positive futures and how this ties into collective action
- Students can generate unique solutions to questions related to current energy practices in Australia

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.

RANGER EXCURSIONS

RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We can host interactive excursions with our Rangers for all ages of secondary school students, to provide them with an in-depth understanding of the ecosystems which operate in our suburbs. 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 plight of our significant migratory bird species in the mudflats and wetlands of Paisley Challis or Rifle Range, learn about the importance and lifecycle of native wildflowers and grasses in Spring at Truganina Park, or learn about how a quarry and landfill became a thriving bushland filled with biodiversity 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 up-close and personal with nature in a reserve local to them, with the option to undertake mulching, watering, or weeding, dependent on the season, class size and location. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about nature's cycles and seasons, as well as what is involved in maintaining healthy parks and reserves in urbanised areas. The perfect experience for students who may be interested in ranger, conservation or horticultural work, as well as an opportunity for the whole class to engage with nature - and perhaps care for a tree that they can watch grow for years to come!

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.



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 applicants notified
- **July 2026**
Recommended planting time

Trees and materials available for pick up in Term 2 or 3.

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.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

While these are our core environmental education offerings for high school students. Please visit the web pages linked throughout the catalogue to learn more, or reach out to us if you cannot find what you're looking for.



CONTACT US

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

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