

FACT SHEET

Coast Guardians

Our Coast Guardians Program provides high school students with the knowledge and opportunities to become stewards of our unique coastline.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Coast Guardians is a flagship environmental education program tailored towards highschool students. As Coast Guardians, schools participate in multiple field sessions on the coast, taking ownership of a site to help enhance their understanding of the natural environment.

Integrating theory-based learning with a range of hands-on conservation opportunities, students are engaged in real-world social, environmental, and cultural issues impacting our coast. In addition, the program fosters development of relationship building between the students, the environment, and the wider community.

Recipients of the 2018 Victorian Coastal Council Award for Education, our programs are run by highly skilled education professionals with years of experience and knowledge of our coast.

COAST GUARDIAN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Variety of in-field locations available
- Hands-on conservation work opportunities
- Local real-world case studies & problem solving
- Special guest speakers including volunteers and experts
- Curriculum linked content relating (but not restricted to) Science, Geography, History, Maths and English.



TOPIC EXAMPLES

- Coastal ecosystems and processes
- Plant identification
- Cultural heritage
- Human and natural impacts on the coast
- Climate change
- Dune ecology
- Threatened flora and fauna species
- Biodiversity and conservation
- Coastal management issues and solutions
- Roles of local land managers
- Connecting with nature

ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

- Intertidal surveys
- Interpretive walks
- Flora and fauna surveys
- Site assessments
- Coastal clean-ups
- Mulching and brush-matting
- Weeding
- Tree planting
- Biodiversity trailer
- School incursion



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SAMPLE PROGRAM

DAY	FOCUS/ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1	Focus: Introduction to coast biodiversity, conservation and cultural heritage Activity: Interpretive walk, marine debris collection	Fishermans Beach
2	Focus: Dune ecosystem – coastal processes Activity: Cutting woody weeds	Whites Beach
3	Focus: Marine Ecosystem – Interrelationships and adaptations Activity: Intertidal monitoring	Rocky Point
4	Focus: Plants and revegetation Activity: Planting indigenous species	Fishermans Beach
5	Focus: Cultural heritage and human impacts Activity: Rubbish pickup and assessment	Point Impossible
6	Focus: Coastal threats, management, volunteering and careers Activity: Flatweed removal	Fishermans Beach

SESSION DETAILS

We understand that each school, student and educational facility has different needs and wants. For this reason, we offer programs that are flexible and can cater to student's abilities and environmental understanding needs.

- **Number of sessions:** Whether you are looking for one-off sessions for multiple classes in a year level, or a series of sessions for a specialist class, our Education team will work with you to design the best program for your students' needs.
- **Session time and length:** Sessions typically run between 1 to 2.5 hours dependent on the activity and groups needs.
- **Session location:** Managing the coastline from Point Impossible to Lorne and beyond, our 'coastal classrooms' provide a range of engaging, fun, authentic learning opportunities for students of all ages. Our team will work with you to choose the most suitable location for your needs.
- **Group sizes:** We work to a 1 Educator :30 student ratio. Groups beyond 30 students can be accommodated and will include an additional Educator Fee.

PRICING TABLE

PROGRAM TYPE	PER SESSION
2-5 multi-session booking	\$140
6+ multi-session booking	\$130
Additional educator fee ¹	\$60

1. Additional educator fee applies to groups over the 1:30 ratio and every groups of 30 thereafter.

HOW TO BOOK

Each year we can cater for a select number of schools, dependent on how many sessions is required by each. To find out about our current availabilities, to request a quote or ask any additional information about the program, please contact:

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