

## FACT SHEET

# Environmental Education Program

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority's Environmental Education program is built on the belief that education is fundamental to the ongoing protection of our iconic coastline.

We aim to foster greater understanding, respect and protection of our coast by creating a lasting sense of place long after your visit is over.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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.

Experiential and engaging for students of all ages, our education programs incorporate modern day, historical and traditional perspectives of the coast. Join us in exploring the amazing diversity of plants, animals and physical geography in our region. We can cater for all age groups from Kinder through to VCE and can adapt our programs to other groups.

### THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

With a focus on the core themes of biodiversity, conservation and cultural heritage, we pride ourselves on offering tailorable programs to suit the age, abilities, outcomes and curriculum needs of your group. Detailed curriculum links for Kinder through to VCE can be found on our [website](#).

### COAST GUARDIANS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Coast Guardians is our flagship program tailored towards Year 9 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. Learn more about this program on our [website](#).

### PRE AND POST SESSION RESOURCES

Every booking is provided with curriculum-linked resources including online resource lists. Resources have been designed to help prepare students before their session or to consolidate and extend their learning after their time with us.



#### PROGRAM THEME EXAMPLES

- Adaptations and classification
- Beach litter and marine debris
- Biodiversity monitoring and exploration
- Coastal stewardship
- Coastal land management
- Conservation and human impacts
- Cultural Heritage
- Dune ecology
- Extreme environments
- Food webs and life cycles

- Geography and coastal processes
- Human impacts
- Sustainability

#### ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

- Beachcombing
- Biodiversity trailer
- Bush tucker walks
- Coastal clean-ups
- Hands-on conservation: weeding, planting and mulching
- Interpretive walks and hikes
- Intertidal surveys
- Invertebrate surveying
- Rockpool rambles

## FAQ

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. We consider:

- **Session type:** Whether you are looking for a once-off session, excursion to multiple week, whole term, or year long program, 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 your group's needs.
- **Session location:** Managing the coastline from Point Impossible to Marengo our 'coastal classrooms' provide a range of engaging, fun and authentic learning opportunities for students of all ages.
- **Group sizes:** We work to a 1 Educator : 25 students ratio (1:30 for secondary classes). For larger groups additional Educators will be allocated (see below).

## PRICING TABLE

PROGRAM TYPE	PER SESSION
Single environmental education session	\$200
2-5 multi-session booking	\$160
6+ multi-session booking	\$150
School incursion presentation (<1.5 hr) <sup>1</sup>	\$130
School camp "stay and learn" session <sup>2</sup>	FOC
Coastal bush-beach kinder (up to 1hr) <sup>3</sup>	FOC
Additional educator fee <sup>4</sup>	\$60

1. School incursions delivered within 40km of Anglesea. Schools beyond this range may accrue additional travel fees.
2. School groups staying at selected Great Ocean Road Authority caravan parks or campgrounds qualify for one free Environmental Education session per class.
3. Kinder sessions available within 30km of Anglesea to local kinder/preschool providers.
4. Additional educator fee applies to groups over the 1:25 ratio and every groups of 25 thereafter.



## SCHOOL CAMPS ON THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Did you know we manage eight camps and caravan parks along the Great Ocean Road?

Whether attending with a primary or secondary school, tertiary institute or community group, each park offers a range of accommodation and facility options to suit your needs.

Attendees staying at our caravan parks can also qualify for a free Environmental Education session.

- [Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park](#)
- [Anglesea Family Caravan Park](#)
- [Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park](#)
- [Wye River Beachfront Campground](#)
- [Kennett River Family Caravan Park](#)
- [Skenes Creek Foreshore Caravan Park](#)
- [Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve](#)
- [Marengo Family Caravan Park.](#)

## HOW TO BOOK

Environmental Education Session bookings can be made via our [online booking form](#).

Can't find a suitable program or not sure what would best suit your needs? Contact our Education Team at [education@greatoceanroadauthority.vic.edu.au](mailto:education@greatoceanroadauthority.vic.edu.au) to discuss a tailored program and timetable to suit your groups needs.