

# 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 2024 environmental education offerings below!



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# BEYOND THE BIN

## STUDENT OUTREACH WEEK

### RUNS TERM 3

Across one week in Term 3, Council offers 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 tailored to suit the year level.



### 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.

### GAIN LOCAL PROMOTION

Schools can choose to highlight their involvement through various promotional activities including features in Council publications, social media channels and local media coverage.

### What teachers said about the 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL OUTREACH WEEK:

“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.”



### 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.

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# 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.

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# TREES FOR SCHOOLS: *ALL LEVELS*

Program details updated - please replace with: 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.



# 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**

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We would love to hear from you.

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