

FACT SHEET



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's (GORCC) Environmental Education Program is built on the premise that education is fundamental to the ongoing protection of our iconic coastline; we're encouraging all to understand, respect and protect our natural environment. Our aim is to establish a lasting sense of place for each participant during our time together, which can be remembered and reflected upon long after their visit is over.

Recipients of the 2018 Victorian Coastal Council Award for Education, GORCC's education activities are run by highly-skilled education professionals who hold years of experience and knowledge of this coastline.

Experiential and engaging for students of all ages, our education programs incorporate modern day, historical, and traditional perspectives of the coast, and explore the amazing diversity of plants, animals and physical geography in our region. We can cater for all age groups. Lessons typically run for 1.5 hours, and we can facilitate up to 25 students per educator.

THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

We pride ourselves on offering tailorable programs to suit the age, abilities, outcomes and curriculum needs of your group. See below some of the key themes we can cover. For detailed curriculum links by year level, head to www.gorcc.com.au/education/education-programs/.

KEY PROGRAM THEMES

- Adaptations and classification
- Astronomy
- Beach litter/ 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 and coastal land management
- Life cycles
- Sustainability

ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

- Beachcombing
- Biodiversity trailer: microscopes, nature sampling survey equipment
- Bird watching
- Coastal clean-ups
- Hands-on conservation: weeding, site maintenance and planting
- Interpretive walks and hikes
- Invertebrate surveying
- Rockpool rambles
- Stargazing
- Unique beach treasure artefact collections



discuss what time suits best and if you'd go for a one-hour session or longer.

- **Session location:** Managing the coastline stretching from Pt Impossible to Lorne, 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 taking into account specific requirements such as distance to travel or subject focus.

New in 2020: Pre-Post Activity Resource Packs. In 2020, all programs will receive a free pre/post activity resource to help prepare their students pre-session, and/or extend their learning after their time with us. These will be emailed out individually to all booked groups in the new year.

FAQ

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

- **Session type:** From a once-off activity to multiple weeks, whole term, or even a year-long program, our Education team can work with you to design the best program for your students' needs.
- **Session time and length:** We understand different groups will have different time restraints and needs. With flexibility in session delivery times and session length, our staff will

HOW TO BOOK

Environmental Education Session bookings should be made via our online booking form www.gorcc.com.au/education/how-to-register/.

Bookings are subject to availability, so it is recommended to book well in advance to avoid missing out.

Can't find a suitable program? Not sure what would best suit your students needs? Want to book in for multiple sessions? Contact us at education@gorcc.com.au and we can discuss a tailored program and timetable to suit your needs.

GROUP	SESSION DURATION	MIN / MAX CLASS SIZE	SESSION COSTING (GST INC)	ADDITIONAL CLASS COSTING*
Local kindergarten**	45min – 1hr	10 - 20	N/A	N/A
Local school incursion**	1hr – 1.5hr	N/A	\$70	N/A
General education session	1.5hr – 2.5hr	10 - 25	\$130	\$50
School camp stay and learn	1hr – 2.5hr	10-25	FOC***	N/A

* Additional class costing relates to additional Education staff required based on 1:25 ratio.

** "Local" refers to schools within 40km of Anglesea. Incursion refers to delivery on school site.

*** Any groups staying at one of GORCC's caravan parks qualify for a free Environmental Education session.



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The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is a State Government body responsible for protecting, enhancing, and developing coastal Crown land from Point Impossible to Cumberland River.