



SCHOOLS FOR WILDLIFE PROGRAM

CERES School of Nature and Climate are excited to offer our 'Schools for Wildlife' program to schools in the Banyule, Darebin, Hume & Moreland areas - funded by Ross Trust and your local council.

Over 3 incursions, CERES School of Nature and Climate will work with your students to design and create a fully planted, wildlife friendly garden at your school.

WHAT'S ON OFFER:

School participation in the program includes:

- Activity 1:** Site assessment (to assess garden site, no student involvement)
- Activity 2:** Teacher Professional Development Workshop (1hr webinar)
- Activity 3:** Online student incursion (1hr webinar) to build knowledge
- Activity 4:** In-person student incursion (X2 45min sessions) to design and plan for planting,
- Activity 5:** In-person student incursion (X2 45min sessions) to plant garden at school
- Activity 6:** In-person student excursion (X1 45min session) to participate in a community planting in a local public space.

Key requirements and commitment from you:

- Selection of a group of no more than 30 students from grades 3 - 6 to engage in three incursions
- Commitment to nominating a teacher as the main point of contact who will receive time release as required to attend all teacher and student education sessions
- To provide detailed information including measurements and photos of a proposed garden site (no larger than 49m²)

Program Curriculum Links

Our Schools for Wildlife Program covers curriculum links in areas of

- Ethical Capability
- Geography
- Science
- Mathematics
- Design & Technology

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For a detailed break up of curriculum links that the program offers, please see our [Schools for Wildlife Curriculum Links document](#)

INCURSION CONTENT:

Incursion 1 :

1 x 1hr online session

- Students explore the importance of biodiversity and why wildlife species are disappearing in urban areas to consider ways to protect ecosystems
- Students engage in a habitat survey to determine what habitat is already available for local wildlife at their school

Incursion 2 :

2 x 45 minute sessions in person

- Students explore how wildlife gardens are structured to provide habitat for lots of different wildlife species
- Students are introduced to various indigenous plants that provide habitat for local wildlife species
- Students engage in soil tests to check the soil PH, type and water absorption prior to planting
- Students are supported to create a to scale design of their garden space

Incursion 3 :

2 x 45 minute sessions in person

- Students learn about gardening tools and how to use them safely
- Students plant indigenous seedlings to create the wildlife garden
- Students learn about the needs of a newly planted garden and make a plan for how to ensure the garden is able to establish and flourish
- Students consider 'future additions' to their garden to continue to increase the biodiversity of their school and improve habitat for wildlife

Schools for Wildlife Incursion BOOKINGS:

Book now to secure your place for your school to participate in this exciting new program, engaging your students in the outdoors and positively influence their behaviours towards the natural environment.

Please note that programs will be delivered in Terms 1, 2 and 3 of 2022.

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