



Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary ~ La Trobe University

Here at the Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary our **Education Experiences** provide an exciting opportunity for students to engage fully with the natural environment to develop great science-based skills in topics like **biodiversity, ecology, conservation & habitat recreation**. The Sanctuary has been recreating an Australian bushland for over 40 years. We provide an ideal location for students to develop skills & concepts to help to protect precious native ecosystems.

Primary Experiences

- **Minibeasts Wonderland**
Students adventure through our wonderland & discover a range of tiny creatures that live in native ecosystems.
- **Living Water**
Students take a close up look at the amazing creatures in wetlands, to help understand food webs & what makes a healthy ecosystem.
- **Hands-on Habitats**
An exploration of habitats throughout our woodlands & wetlands. Students investigate the habitats for hollow dwellers, Lizard Lounges, Frog Bogs & the native grassland.



- **Plants Alive**
Our ideal environment provides a great place to study plants & their structure. A basic introduction for younger students or hands-on approach to plant physiology & function for students up to VCE.

- **A Likely Future?**
Damage to ecosystems is of great concern. On a tour of our healthy wetlands we discuss options for ensuring healthy water for the future. Compliments a visit to the Rethink Education Centre.



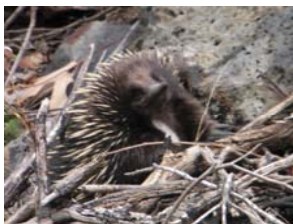
www.rethink.vic.gov.au
Banyule's Rethink Education Centre is an exciting excursion venue for schools looking to learn more about the 4 Rs of waste minimisation & the part we can play in achieving environmental sustainability. The Centre provides the opportunity for students to learn what happens to recyclables. As well as see, hear & smell a Material Recovery Facility at work.



The Centre's website is a valuable source of downloadable information for teachers.

Secondary Experiences

- **Discovering Ecology**
Students experience the bush through an Ecologist's eye. They can take part in a practical survey of wetlands & will study the bush to see how plants have evolved to survive in Australia's harsh conditions.



- **Maths / Science in the Bush**
The hands-on exercise puts an emphasis on the practical uses of mathematics & scientific principles in natural environments.

- **Wildlife CSI**
What really goes on in the bush? Using a range of scientific principles students will undertake a field investigation to find the answers. What is their Ecological Footprint? What impact do we have?



- **Incursions**
Staff from the Melbourne Wildlife Sanctuary can come out to your school to guide students with hands-on activities to create habitat for native wildlife. We will provide specific advice & experience to create
 - ★ Lizard Lounges
 - ★ Frog Bogs
 - ★ Nesting Boxes

- **Keelbundora Plant Nursery**
Located at the Sanctuary the Nursery supplies over 300 native plant species & a variety of Nesting Boxes - a practical way to provide food & habitat for native animals in your garden.

- **Ironbarks Hut**
The rustic bushland shelter with a wood-fired BBQ & fire pit makes an ideal spot for lunch or outdoor classes.

- **Professional Workshops/Talks**
The Sanctuary offers workshops for teachers & students on a range topics

- ★ Wetland Ecology
- ★ Woodland Ecology
- ★ Biodiversity
- ★ Nesting Boxes
- ★ Creating Habitat
- ★ Planning for Sustainability
- ★ Establishing Indigenous Plants

- **Twilight Tours**
A great way to experience the magnificent flora & fauna. Guided tours introduce you to concepts of science, applied in a natural setting while also going in search of some nocturnal creatures.

Location



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