

The Briars Education Programs



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Water Minibeasts

VCSSU042, VCSSU057, VCSSU074

Learn about the wonderful world of macroinvertebrates, how to find them among reeds and rocky areas and their role in the food chain.

Using dip nets and an ID sheet, students will collect, observe, and identify different macroinvertebrates in our wetland area and record the abundance and diversity of the organisms living there.

Recognising the diversity of the wetland helps students understand the importance of macroinvertebrates and their role as indicators of long-term water quality.



Creature Features

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Animals can have lots of different features. They can have fur, feathers, scales, exoskeletons. Some are big, others are small. Some have 2 legs and others have many more.

Students will explore the different sorts of animals within The Briars Wildlife Sanctuary and learn about the different features they have and how those features allow them to function within their environments.

Having a specific focus on the 'why' animals have the features they do helps differentiate distinct animal groups and introduces the concept of different animals filling different environmental roles.



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Plant Power

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Plant life is extremely diverse, with varying physical features which make up approximately 80% of life on our planet.

Plants live together within distinguishable 'ecological vegetation communities.' When environments are healthy, plants coexist harmoniously within these communities to provide suitable habitat for animals.

Students will develop an understanding of the importance of different types of vegetation communities by observing the physical features of plants, as well as considering how plants function within the changing environment.



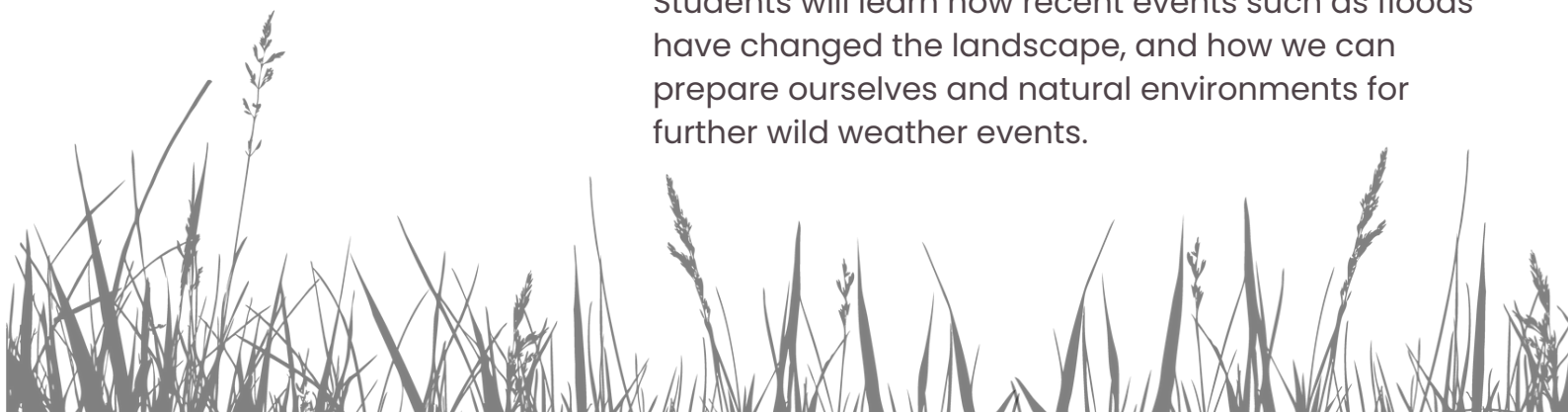
Wild Weather

VCSSU046, VCSSU062, VCSSU079, VCSSU073

Changes in weather are vital for life on earth, including seasonal changes from wet to dry, even natural events such as fire, play an important role in shaping our natural environments.

Students explore how wild weather events can impact the environment and human life by exploring the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Students will learn how recent events such as floods have changed the landscape, and how we can prepare ourselves and natural environments for further wild weather events.





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Sustainable Land Use

VCSSU047, VCSSU062, VCSSU073, VCGGK082

With an increasing human population, sustainable land management is becoming a prominent global issue.

Ensuring equitable land use that prioritises food security, housing and habitat for wildlife is crucial to a sustainable future for all.

Students will participate in practical methods used by scientists to collect Land Use data, including land surveys and field sketches.

Students will gain an understanding of how we can promote sustainable land use that is mindful of both people and the natural environment.

School Incursions

Would your school be interested in learning more about plants and receiving free plants through our shire nursery?

After your excursion to the Briars please ask about our school incursions.

These are a great opportunity to extend your students' learning as well as creating an opportunity for a planting experience at your school.



Program Examples & Pricing



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The Briars Education Programs are **\$159.50 per program** with a maximum of **25 students per group**.

Each program can be tailored to suit the needs of your class's interests or classroom conversations. The team at the Briars are happy to help plan your excursion so please reach out to them for assistance.

Please note: the following timetables are examples only and are interchangeable with your preferred programs and start time.

Example 1: Total \$1435.50

Program	9:45am	10am-10.50am	11am-11.50am	12pm-12.40pm	12.40pm-1.30pm	1:30pm
Class 1 (25 students)	School Arrives	Plant Power	Wild Weather	Lunch	Creature Features	School Departs
Class 2 (25 students)		Creature Features	Plant Power	Lunch	Wild Weather	
Class 3 (25 students)		Wild Weather	Creature Features	Lunch	Plant Power	

Example 2: Total \$478.50

Program	9:45am	10am-10.50am	11am-11.50am	12pm-12.40pm	12.40pm-1.30pm	1:30pm
Class 1 (25 students)	School Arrives	Plant Power	Wild Weather	Lunch	Sustainable Land Use	School Departs

Example 3: Total \$957

Program	9:45am	10am-10.50am	11am-11.50am	12pm-12.40pm	12.40pm-1.30pm	1:30pm
Class 1 (25 students)	School Arrives	Sustainable Land Use	TEACHER LED PROGRAM	Lunch	Water Minibeasts	School Departs
Class 2 (25 students)		Water Minibeasts	Sustainable Land Use	Lunch	TEACHER LED PROGRAM	
Class 3 (25 students)		TEACHER LED PROGRAM	Water Minibeasts	Lunch	Sustainable Land Use	

Further Information

Our capacity is traditionally limited to 75 students per day (three programs of 25 students each). Single or double program bookings are also welcome. However, if you have a group of a larger size, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Cost

Briars Education Programs: **\$159.50 per program** for classes up to 25 students.
Incursions: **\$313 per program**.

What to bring

Students will need to bring their lunch and a drink bottle. We request that teachers organise tubs with lids for lunches or that student's bags are closed properly as we have some hungry ravens. Our classes are conducted outside. During the warmer months, please remind your students to wear hats, sunscreen, long pants, closed-toe shoes and bring insect repellent, if required. During the colder months and when raining, wet weather gear is required.

Bus and coach parking

As the Visitor centre carpark can become busy, we recommend buses use the first gravel carpark. Students and Teachers can walk across the bridge to the BBQ area where Rangers will greet them.

Toilets

There are two female and male toilets and one accessible toilet at the Visitor's centre. We recommend students use the toilet before departing school or arrive with enough time to use the toilet at the Visitor Centre before the first program begins. Students won't have access to amenities while in the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Lunch

There is a 40-minute break allocated for lunch between programs 2 and 3. Students and teachers can have lunch in our picnic area or on the event lawn.

Risk Management Plan

If you require information or assistance with excursion risk management plans, please let us know and our team can assist.

We're here to help



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