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DANDENONG AMBASSADORS ARE CARING FOR OUR BAYS

Teaching that **what we do** on land has an impact on our marine environment - this has been our core message from day 1. it's as important today as it ever was.

2018 is the year that taking action on global plastic pollution is at the heart of World Environment Day and World Oceans Day, both in June. Here at Dolphin Research Institute, we are behind this 100%. Our Marine Ambassadors across Melbourne continue to inspire their school communities and look for more ways to reduce, reuse, recycle.

Plastic doesn't break down!!! It breaks up into smaller and smaller pieces. The consequences for our marine life are devastating, with seabirds being amongst the biggest losers.

Wherever you can in your daily life, choose to refuse single use plastics. Coffee cups and pods, straws, bags, balloons, fruit and veg packaging to name a few. They make up 50% of our plastic consumption and have an average use of only 15 minutes.

And we can all do our bit by picking up rubbish when we see it, on our streets and beaches, and in our schools.

Let's make 2018 the year when we really do declare a "War on Waste!"



AMBASSADORS OFF TO A GREAT START IN 2018

This workshop was at the marine sanctuary at Ricketts Point, Beaumaris. It was a great start to the Ambassadors' year - the future champions of our marine environment.

Activities included snorkelling in the marine sanctuary, exploring the rock pools and investigating what lives in the sea grass. All this gave the Ambassadors from Mt Hira College, Wooranna Park PS, Lyndale PS, Chandler Park PS, Emerson School, Carwatha College and Silverton PS a sense of how special Port Phillip is.

The students spent a session learning to snorkel for the first time with the amazing instructors, Jack and Tam, from Merricks Lodge.

Then they immersed themselves in the invertebrate world of the sanctuary, exploring the rocks pools with Ellen and investigating the micro-world of sea grass with Russell.

It was an incredible day and one the students will never forget. Many thanks to Jon Lazarus from Uniting Church Camping for their generous support and Margaret Hewitt for the organisation of the venue.



Let's all reduce our plastic footprint by saying no to single-use plastics
such as straws, water bottles, balloons and plastic bags!

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