

## AMBASSADORS ROCK RICKETTS POINT MARINE SANCTUARY

We recently hosted 145 *'i sea, i care'* Ambassadors from schools across Melbourne for a workshop at Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary in Beaumaris. Students had a blast learning about the importance of marine protected areas, and acting as marine scientists for the day.

They learned how to identify dolphins, use microscopes to study the tiny invertebrates that live in seagrass, and finished off with a rock pool ramble to learn about, and identify, the amazing bird and sea-life that live in and around the rock pools.

The students also learned about the human impacts upon our marine environments, and how they can contribute toward positive environmental change. Thanks to Margaret Hewett from the Beaumaris Life Saving Club, and of course the parents and teachers for bringing the Ambassadors to Ricketts Point for this amazing experience!



**“NOT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE COUNTED COUNTS. NOT EVERYTHING THAT COUNTS CAN BE COUNTED.”**

— William Bruce Cameron, US author

The humpback whales are here! Excited whale watchers have sighted humpbacks along the coasts of the Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, and even off the shore in Mt. Eliza as they migrate from the Southern Ocean to spend the winter in the warmer northern waters!

Come and visit the Dolphin Research Institute team at the Phillip Island Whale Festival in Cowes, July 5th-7th and see our amazing activities - such as stepping inside our full size inflatable whale.

Learn about all things whale at the DRI educational stall, or join DRI research scientists on a Spot a Whale tour, where you can learn how to spot whales from the beautiful Cape Woolamai and Pyramid Rock lookouts!!



Humpback whale, Portsea