

“There’s a world of difference between insisting on someone’s doing something and establishing an atmosphere in which that person can grow into wanting to do it” – Fred Rogers

A tiny seahorse drifts on the currents in Port Phillip Bay. newly hatched and looking for an anchor amongst the seaweed. Once they find it, their tail will gently curl around a kelp frond, a strip of sea grass, the edge of a sponge or even an unsuspecting pipefish. No bigger than an eyelash, these tiny creatures make their way in an ever changing world.

Spring is such an amazing time, when the cool water brings an abundance of nutrients and leads to and our native species’ creating new life.

But they face an increasingly uncertain future. With climate change comes new challenges.....

Warming oceans, higher sea levels, ocean acidification from absorbing too much carbon dioxide .

Local pollution especially single use plastic, puts our ecosystem in danger and threatens the incredible diversity of our marine environment.

Every single change we make in our daily lives matters to them.



“You are never too small to make a difference” - Greta Thunberg

BAYSIDE AMBASSADORS - BE THE CHANGE!

Ambassadors, teachers and parents are turning the tide on plastic pollution after seeing so much rubbish in the creeks, waterways and bays during our winter catchment workshops. Our students escaped the rain to conduct water -testing, identify pollution tolerant macro-invertebrates and participate in a beach litter survey.

We can all be waste warriors by choosing to refuse unnecessary plastic items; buying more sustainable alternatives, like bamboo, metal and glass; simply buying less stuff; recycling as much as we can, including clothes, toys etc; seeking out local repair cafes to give old things new life and buying recycled products. Of course, we can start right now and pick up litter!

Join or start up a local beach or street patrol to do a clean up once a month. Take a bag or fill your pockets every time you head to the beach or the park. And remember - there is no such thing as AWAY!!! Whatever we don’t reduce, reuse, repair, re-purpose or recycle goes to landfill.

