

Primary Programs 2019

MARINE
EDUCATION



Choose the Dolphin Research Institute for Marine Education

Discover **OUR** marine treasures, not Queensland's. Research indicates that around 90% of Victorians care about Queensland's coast above their own; do your students?

Experience unique footage, stories and artifacts. **OUR** programs are driven by over 20 years of award-winning research. Let your students learn from our qualified **MARINE EDUCATORS**.

A choice for the future. We are a not-for-profit organisation with all proceeds going straight back into Victorian marine research, conservation and education.

Helping your school community celebrate Victoria's coast

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Our programs are designed to be customised to YOUR curriculum needs. We can help you meet your learning intentions and provide you with a program specifically targeted to your students curriculum goals.

ROCK POOL AND BEACH EXPLORERS



Excursion 90 mins - \$15 per student

Our Explorers program lets your students uncover Victoria's real marine treasures for themselves.

Let our experienced marine educators help your students see past the crabs, into a world of colour, the weird, the wonderful and the unique. Flat worms, seastars, urchins, elephant snails are just some of the regular finds.

Run at either Ricketts Point* (Beaumaris) or Balnarring Beach, these programs will leave your students with a real thirst for marine discovery and a fascination for the living treasures in their marine backyard!

*\$14.60 per student includes a Parks Victoria Marine Sanctuary fee

Suitable for Foundation to Year 6.

DON'T PEE IN MY POOL JUNIOR PROGRAM



Inursion/Excursion 90 mins - \$15 per student

Take a closer look at our drains. Where does the water go?

Students help with an experiment to find the answer. Our interactive magic drain comes to life and students see the rubbish travelling through the stormwater system.

Students will make the link between rubbish dropped around our schools, homes and streets to the health of the marine environment.

Suitable for Foundation to Year 2.

DON'T PEE IN MY POOL SENIOR PROGRAM



Inursion/Excursion 90 mins - \$15 per student

This program is an engaging, eye-opener on the impact we have on the coast, no matter where we live!

We start by hearing amazing stories, seeing stunning unique footage and touching rare artifacts of Victoria's marine world. A world that needs protecting.

Students learn about the importance of seagrass habitat through a fun, interactive game.

Suitable for Years 3 and 4.

WHALE OUT OF WATER



Inursion 90 mins - \$15 per student

Your students will never forget the day a whale came to school!

If there is one way to get your students excited about Victoria's marine environment, then our 19m inflatable humpback whale must be it! This unique program uses bones, teeth, amazing research footage and experienced marine educators to tell unforgettable stories about the diverse range of marine animals living off our coast.

But it's when the students get INSIDE the whale that they really get inspired and truly appreciate how massive these creatures are.

Suitable for Foundation to Year 6.

Choose 2 programs for \$22 per student

Victoria's Living Marine Treasures

"Too precious to lose"



VICTORIA'S LIVING MARINE TREASURES



Inursion/Excursion 60 mins - \$12 per student

This marine journey will leave you astounded.

Listen to incredible stories of marine life along our coast, told by the people who have been there!

Touch bones of the largest animals to have ever lived, whales, watch colour-changing octopus, delicate seadragons, our dolphins and so much more.

You won't find our content on the internet because we took the pictures!

An educational experience that will have your students engrossed in their local marine world like never before. Programs can be held at our centre, your classroom or on camp - it's your choice!

Suitable for Years 3 to 6.

MANGROVE EXPLORERS



Excursion 60 mins - \$12 per student*

Join us on a walk through the mangroves. Discover why mangroves are a special environment and learn about the birds and other animals that inhabit them.

Learn how to identify some local indigenous plants in Warringine Park.

This activity is a walking excursion from the Dolphin Research Institute in Hastings along Western Port Bay. It complements our other talks based at the Centre.

*\$17 per student in a packaged program with Living Marine Treasures

Suitable for Years 5 and 6.

Our programs instil a sense of wonder and enthusiasm for Victoria's marine life to give you a rich platform to explore science when you return to your classroom.

THINKING IDEAS TO LINK WITH THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM - SCIENCE - FOUNDATION TO LEVEL 6

Foundation to Years 2

- Marine animals have basic needs to survive.
- Dolphins have calves that grow into adults.
- Stormwater affects the survival of our marine animals.
- How humans manage and protect resources.
- Living things have a variety of external features and live in different places where their basic needs are met.

Years 3 and 4

- Living and non-living things exist in our marine environment.
- Marine animals can be grouped on the basis of observable features.
- Marine invertebrates in rockpools can be grouped on the basis of observable features.
- The life cycle of dolphins, whales and marine invertebrates.
- Stormwater affects the survival of our marine animals.

Years 5 and 6

- Blue whales have structural features to help them eat tiny krill.
- Marine invertebrates have adaptations to help them survive in tidal rockpools.
- Dolphins use echo-location to navigate, communicate and hunt in the marine environment.
- Humans impact the marine environment and can affect the growth and survival of living things.
- Seagrass is an important environment for the survival of many marine animals.

Enjoy a whole-day experience at the beach

Don't just take our word for it ...

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Here's what others thought of our programs

The Prep/1 and 2 classes from Kingswood College, Box Hill visited the Dolphin Research as stimulus for our work on Ocean Forests. It was a brilliant day. The Centre staff were excellent, being both knowledgeable and able to enthuse and interest the children. It is wonderful to have such an excellent resource for learning about our marine environment. Our sincere thanks to the staff for such a great day. We will return.

Year 2 teacher, Kingswood College

I have to let you know how much our Grade 3 students loved their excursion on Wednesday July 27th. Guess what we saw?! Yes, four dolphins! They put on quite a show, jumping out of the water, waving tails, and splashing. The children were delighted and all of us started clapping. They kept saying how amazing it was that we saw all saw four dolphins. I saw one girl standing still and she told me she was trying to hear their sonar! It was a great experience.

Teacher, Tyabb Primary School

The Dolphin Research Institute is an excellent venue for a Year 9 geography field trip. It is a short drive from Melbourne and provides students with an opportunity to reinforce their learning of interconnections and biomes.

The experience began with a 60 minute lecture on the marine environment and geographical development of Western Port Bay and reference to the impact of urbanisation and the future of the bay as a Port. Hands on opportunities were provided throughout the talk and the students were encouraged to participate and ask questions.

The students enjoyed the relaxed nature of the field trip and the combination of a lecture and walking experience. We found this an excellent field trip for the Year 9 geography curriculum and are visiting for a second time in Semester 2.

Teacher, Siena College



'i sea, i care' Ambassador Program

A leadership opportunity for your Year 5/6 students that will shape the way your whole school community thinks about the coast.

- 12 month program
- Free marine workshops
- Regular newsletters and resources
- Join other primary schools statewide

Special Opportunities

The Dolphin Research Institute's qualified Education Team can help deliver all your marine education needs. We can:

- Design whole school programs
- Deliver evening programs for school camps anywhere on the Mornington Peninsula
- Offer marine science programs
- Run mangrove/salt marsh experiences at Jacks Beach, Crib Point
- Offer ideas for resources, your own curriculum and ways to get Victorian marine content into your classroom.

Discuss your curriculum needs with our qualified educators and we will provide the best program to help you achieve your learning goals. All of our activities can be targeted to a wide range of science curriculum from Foundation to Year 6. Also, activities can be combined.

Education fees directly support our research and conservation work

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