

Early Years Programs 2010 Preschool – Grade Two

Come and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Immerse yourself in stories and hands-on inquiries within the sensory environment of Australian native plants. There is nowhere like it in the world!

Around Oz In An Hour Discover Australia

By investigating trees, leaves and plants we uncover the unique natural communities around our country. Curious children will learn through guided exploration and discovery as they visit many habitats of the Gardens.

Discover key Australian landscapes
Explore Australia's weird and wonderful plants
Connect which plants survive in which environments

Who Lives Here?

Discover animal habitats, cool camouflage and food chains on our special *Who lives here?* guided walk. Discover the amazing places animals call home, how do they hide from predators? Who fits where in the food chain?

Discover who eats who?
Explore how plants are important for animal biodiversity
Connect the animals to different habitats

Wet And Dry

Why does moss like to live in the rainforest?
How do grassland plants differ from their rainforest relatives?
You will need to use all five senses through the guided exploration of Australia's wet and dry.

Discover what it takes for plants to survive
Explore how plants and animals help each other in wet and dry places
Connect the different ways plants survive

The Botanist Apprentice Pot A Plant

Be a budding botanist! Get your hands dirty learning the tools of the trade – digging, planting, watering. Pot a plant to take home with you.

Discover the life cycle of plants
Explore the ways we can grow plants and care for them
Connect how our actions can help the health of the plant

Echidna Story

Discover Australian animals while focusing on the spiniest of all – the Echidna!
An echidna story is enchantingly retold using hand puppets and some audience participation before students make their own echidna to take home.

Discover the ins and outs of life as an echidna
Explore Australia's other unique wildlife
Connect the echidna with the habitat it calls home

Habitat Hunter

Where do your favourite creatures live? Children explore creatures big and small and their different habitats of the Gardens. Discover what makes the habitat successful for our Aussie animals to make it a home.

Discover creatures on the ground and in the air
Explore animal tracks through different habitats
Connect the Australian animals to their unique habitats

Skimmers, Slinkers And Swimmers – Pond Dipping

Investigate the teeming life in a fresh water pond. Who feeds on who?

Discover the differences between a whirligig, boatman and a backswimmer

Explore the skimmers, slinkers and swimmers with hand lenses

Connect the dots in the life cycle of a pond

Make A Worm Farm

Find out about the fascinating lives of worms by watching the worms' vital role in returning nutrients to our soil.

Worms are the workers ... they will turn our organic rubbish into precious fertilizer. Students are given a chance to have a hands on experience in creating a worm farm

Discover why worms are really important

Explore how worms help in the composting cycle

Connect the dots - recycling is more than putting rubbish in the bin

2010 Prices

(New bookings commencing 27 April 2010)

Two 30 minute classes with a short break in between. Please choose two options from the programs above.

\$5 per student (including GST)

Learning program bookings and enquiries

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Teddy Bears Picnic @ The Gardens

Students will develop an understanding of the needs of life for all animals and humans through several learning experiences. Classes run from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Please book directly with Birrigai Outdoor School