

ParksWide Education Program Descriptions – Secondary

Environmental Education Programs

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Program	7 & 8			9 & 10		
	Geog	History	Science	Geog	History	Science
Water						
Landforms and Landscapes						
Human Impact						
Cultural Heritage (Juby's Garden)						
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VCE

Biology Unit 1

AoS 2 – How do living things sustain life?

Chemistry Unit 2

AoS 2 – How are substances in water measured and analysed?

AoS 3 – Practical Investigation

Food Studies Unit 1

AoS 2 – Food in Australia

Geography Unit 3

AoS 1 – Land use change

AoS 2 – Land cover change

Water (7-10 Geography, 7-8 Science)

- Water cycle – sources of water (groundwater, soil moisture and surface water)
- Value of water and waterways (spiritual, economic, cultural, aesthetic) – different values for different users
- Amount of the World's water suitable for drinking
- Rainfall patterns in Melbourne (compare to Northern Australia)
- Compare the Kulin seasons to the 4 season model using climate data – contrast with Yolgnu seasons
- Lake (or creek) and its path out to the ocean
- Aboriginal use of area (BL was a creek) – lived near waterways and beaches, moved during winter and summer
- Human impact on the water cycle – Water quality and testing – use – sustainability – ways to improve quality
- Impact of weather events – drought, floods, storms – community response
- Water quality and testing

Landforms and Landscapes (7-10 Geography, 7-8 History)

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags and language maps
- Traditional Aboriginal creation stories from Victoria (comparison to other parts of Australia) – Connection to the land
- Whitehorse over time (aerial photos from 1945, paintings from Artist's Camp, sketches) – how use has changed over time – different scales (Whitehorse, Suburb, School) – Stats about use of the area
- Land degradation – erosion, sedimentation, urban development
- Soil/land/water quality
- Introduced plants and animals
- Comparison of Bushland to Riparian habitats
- Protection of plants and animals at Blackburn Lake and Yarran Dheran
- Effect of urban environment on Bushland areas

Human Impact (7-8 Geography, 7-10 History)

- How do plants and animals use the area? How do they interact?
- How do humans use the area? How do they interact with the environment and the plants and animals?
- How have humans impacted on the environment? – What can you do to help?

Cultural Heritage (7-8 History & Science)

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags and language maps
 - Traditional Aboriginal creation stories from Victoria (comparison to other parts of Australia) – Connection to the land
 - Timeline activity
 - Evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society (including Mungo and Budj Bim) – complexity of society - significance
 - Ways of passing on knowledge
 - Trading pathways and songlines
 - Use of fire and other techniques to manage the land
 - Conservation of cultural heritage sites and artifacts – World Heritage Site – National Parks – Land council (TO groups)
 - Exploring the diaries of early explorers and settlers, sketches and paintings as an historical source
 - Effect of European settlement in Australia and Melbourne
- Juby's Garden
- Aboriginal use of area (BL was a creek) – lived near waterways and beaches, moved during winter and summer
 - Aboriginal use plants from Victoria – What and how used

Living Things (7-8 Science)

- Living / non-living /once living
- Classification – Structure and function – using a key
- Interactions between animals and plants – Food chains and food webs, feeding relationships, energy cycle
- Microorganisms (decomposers, bacteria and fungi) - importance in the energy cycle
- Human Impact on habitats
- Growth, development and offspring
- Effect of environment on growth and development

Habitats and Ecosystems (7-10 Science)

- Interactions between animals and plants – producer, consumer, decomposer – feeding relationships, predator, prey, parasite)
- Needs of plants and animals, what happens when those needs are not met
- Living on land and living in water (mini beasts and pond life)
- Living / non-living /once living – Requirements for life
- Body function and systems to aid survival – Response to changes in the environment
- Interactions between animals and plants – Food chains and food webs, feeding relationships, energy cycle
- Microorganisms (decomposers, bacteria and fungi) - importance in the energy cycle
- Abiotic and Biotic components of the environment
- Human Impact on habitats
- Growth, development and offspring – Population size
- Effect of environment on growth and development
- Effect of fire, drought and flooding

Adaptations (7-8 Science)

- Animal and plant structure to help them survive
- Animal body parts
- Plant parts
- Living on land and living in water (mini beasts and pond life)
- Classification (grouping due to features)
- Environmental factors (eg fire and seed germination)

Daily and Seasonal Change (7-8 Science)

- Earth's rotation and tilt – day, month, year – moon and lunar calendar (ATSI use), Analemmatic sundial
- Seasonal change – comparing 4 seasons to Kulin seasons (Wurundjeri), compare with Anangu and Yolgnu
- Climate data – BOM graphs of rainfall and temperature
- Using resources in season

Earth's Resources (7-8 Geography & Science)

- Earth's resources – water, soil, air
- Human impact on resources – water, soil
- Water cycle – water saving tips
- Effect of extreme weather on landscapes – fire, drought, floods
- Timescale for regeneration of resources
- Human impact on resources – water, soil - examples
- Using resources in season
- What can we do to preserve our resources?

Place, space and interconnection (9-10 Geography)

- How do we use the area? – What is the value of the area?
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags and language maps
- Traditional Aboriginal creation stories from Victoria (comparison to other parts of Australia) – Connection to the land
- Whitehorse over time (aerial photos from 1945, paintings from Artist's Camp, sketches) – how use has changed over time – different scales (Whitehorse, Suburb, School) – Stats about use of the area
- Aboriginal use of area (BL was a creek) – lived near waterways and beaches, moved during winter and summer
- Perception of open space and Bushland
- Human impact – sustainability

Environmental Change and Management (9-10 Geography)

- Identifying human impact
- Land degradation – erosion, sedimentation, urban development – Vegetation loss (aerial photos of Whitehorse)
- Soil/land/water quality - Pollution
- Biodiversity - Introduced plants and animals
- Comparison of Bushland to Riparian habitats
- Protection of plants and animals at Blackburn Lake and Yarran Dheran
- Effect of urban environment on Bushland areas
- Sustainability – Management Strategies
- Urban planning
- Traditional management techniques - Indigenous Ranger program – Burning
- Climate change

Food Production - Juby's Garden (9-10 Geography)

- Natural vs agriculture vs urban systems – effect of production on natural systems (different uses of area)
 - Factors affecting plant and animal growth
 - Biome Definition
 - Land and resource management used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - Food security, farming, eel traps, seasonal use of food and resources – including Juby's Garden
 - Population growth and effect on environment
 - Sustainable food production (and maintaining natural habitats)
- Juby's Garden
- Aboriginal use of area (BL was a creek) – lived near waterways and beaches, moved during winter and summer
 - Aboriginal use plants from Victoria – What and how used

Global Systems (9-10 Geography)

- Water, carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, oxygen cycle
- Effect of human impact on atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere
- Natural and changed systems
- Climate change