



**ECOLOGICAL &
SOCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY**



Earth Education

**OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF EXCURSIONS FOR
PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

OUR SCHOOL EXCURSIONS OFFER:

- A range of programs for student groups of all ages.
- The inspiring setting of Yarra Valley ECOSS Community Park.
- Experienced and passionate educators.
- Programs that support AusVELS curriculum requirements.
- ECOSS Early Childhood Excursions for 4 and 5 year old kinder students.
- Worms, mini-beast and compost exploration.
- Bees, hives and plant discovery.
- Organic native and edible seed propagation and seed saving techniques.
- Great Forest National Park education by Warburton Environment.
- Hands-on sustainable building design experience.

- Each activity can be tailored to suit your learning outcomes, we can also combine activities. Each activity relates to the Early Years Learning Framework. particular attention is paid to “Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.”
- Heritage fruit tree orchard and wicking bed garden displays.

ECOSS FEE STRUCTURE*:

Public schools within 20km radius - \$5 per student

Private schools within 20km radius - \$8 per student

All other schools - \$10 per student.

*Minimum 20 kids, or alternate fee structure applies.

*Alternate fee structure applies to Sustainable Building Project and Seed Collecting and Propagation.

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SCHOOLS PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

All activities tailored to all age groups.

Great Forest National Park:

Learn about the tallest trees where the Leadbeaters possum lives that provide our drinking water, and the vision in action to protect them for the future. Become wardens of the forest.

30 minutes

Bees and Honey:

Bees play a major role in our ecosystem as well as being a wonderful way for children to learn more about communal insects. The live observation hive at EcoSS, along with our trained beekeeper, allows children to see right inside the secret world of the hive, and learn all about why honey bees are important to our food production and our environment. Children also enjoy eating fresh honey comb out of the hive.

Compost and Worm Spaghetti:

We have worm spaghetti to share. What magic do worms perform in your garden? Come and check out our hot compost!

Activity tailored for all ages - 30 minutes

Propagation Station, and Hot House Tour:

Whilst propagating your own organic vegetable seedling to take home, learn about why we prefer organic vegetables, and how to make your garden most successful.

Take a tour of our hot houses and learn how farmers receive their seedlings.

30 minutes

Ponding and Mini Beasts:

What critters do you think wriggle in our ponds? Come and get hands on experience catching, identifying and understanding our mini-beasts.

45 minutes

ECOSS Discovery Tour:

Discover the riches of ECOSS including the Sustainable Building Centre, The Organic Seedling Hot houses, The Community Garden, Heritage Apple Espalia Orchard, Chook pen, The dam, Our fragrant herb garden the shop and more!

30 minutes

Seed Collecting/Saving and Propagation:

Nomenclature and Plant ID

Learn the theory and experience hands on seed collecting techniques. How to propagate various seasonal species of native plants.

VCE Level Activity - 1.5 hours (on-site)

Off-site collecting - 3 hours

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Sustainable Building Techniques, Demonstration and Theory:

Learn about Thermal Mass principals, Passive Solar design and the Zen View.

VCE Level Activity - 1.5 hours

Sustainable Building Project:

Join in our latest Sustainable Building Project. 4 hours hands on experience.

Year 8 and older - 4 hours

Permaculture and Farming Techniques - Sustainable Livestock Management:

Learn current sustainable farm management techniques, how to enhance soil biology and increase carbon storage on a farm. How to keep your animals healthy.

VCE Level Activity - 1.5 hours

Harvesting Natural Energies:

Understanding the energies solar, hydro and wind power. These would be hands on activities for the real world.

Year 9-12 - 3.5 hours.

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