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15 MILE CREEK

Learning Programs

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Students take a magnifying glass look at the environment and dwell a little longer within it through hands on practical adventures. Students will have a key focus on a specific environment within our local area.

The environments that can be explored are river, rock or bush. Students will gain an understanding of the interconnectedness within our ecosystems, the different species that occupy these and their role within these niches.

Students will also gain an understanding of some of the land management issues, the natural history of the particular environment and compare and contrast similar environments in different locations. Sustainability is a focus, with students gaining an understanding of the patterns of living and how they rely on the interdependence of healthy social, economic and ecological systems.

Students will:

- Have a key focus on a specific environment within the local area. Defined as either: River, Rock or Bush.
- Gain an understanding of natural systems and cycles and the interconnected ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing and survival.
- Undertake practical learning adventures within their given focus environment
- Learn about their specific environment from an ancient historical perspective
- Analyse their environment through the use of contemporary data collection techniques

Learning activities used to explore the themes within this learning branch can be adapted to suit students across a range of learning stages.

Programs developed around the Exploring our Environments learning branch are suitable for students in AusVELS levels F-4: Laying the Foundation, 5-8: Building Breadth & Depth & 9-10: Developing Pathways.