



**outdoor
school**

15 MILE CREEK

Learning Programs

Knowing Nature

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Students will experience the natural environment through engaging in practical adventures and meaningful reflections. Students will gain an understanding of their own perspectives and relationships with the natural environment. Students will also explore the different ways other people experience and understand nature, such as; a resource, for study, for recreation, for science, for agriculture and as a spiritual place.

Students will:

- Be introduced to skills and experiences that will increase the students feeling of competence and comfort in nature.
- Be encouraged to foster personal relationships with the natural environment, which will have a positive impact on the way students live and relate to nature.
- Explore ways in which they as individuals can create positive and sustainable relationships between humans and the natural environment.
- Be exposed to and explore more deeply the many ways in which humans interact with the natural environment, both in a historical and contemporary context.
- Have an understanding and appreciation of their sense of place which, in turn will lead to students beginning to see themselves as a part of the natural world and not separate from it.
- Understand their relatedness to the bush through exploring their own connections, and motivations as well as appreciating the aesthetics of the natural world through caring for nature.

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

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