

Taking Care of Our Place Pre and Post Incursion Activities

Pre visit activities

Activities prior to the delivery of the program will help prepare students for the day as well as link the program to the class program. These could include:

- Introduce terms associated with the environment, such as: habitat, pollution, litter, rubbish dump, recycling, drought, stormwater and waste.
- Exploring school gardens as habitats for birds and native animals.
- Explain to students the importance of caring for the school and home environment.
- Identify some ways people can change the environment that can have a positive or negative impact.

Follow up activities

- Practice the song to perform on an assembly
- Establish a class garden, worm farm or compost bin, or have a fundraiser to purchase a bird bath or have a frog pond installed.
- Introduce a new way to allow the class to reduce their impact on the environment, e.g. low waste lunch
- Organise a school grounds working bee with parents
- Identify a special place in the school playground to discuss an ongoing plan for continued care of that place
- Discuss students' responsibility to help with and care for the environment and roles that could be introduced e.g. energy monitors, recycling etc
- Compile a collage of student's drawings of themselves caring for special places
- Create a school green team with fun activities S1 can get involved in.



Note: Observatory Hill EEC also has other incursion programs suitable for your stage. <https://observatoryhilleec.schools.nsw.gov.au/primary-programs/incursion-programs.html>

Follow up support websites and resources

Sustainable Schools: <https://www.sustainableschoolsnsw.org.au/>