

Taking Care Of Our Place – ES1/S1

A program to support Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Geography

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'Taking Care of our Place' is a 1.5 hour ES1/S1 incursion program focused on the Geography topics, People Live In Places and Features Of Places.

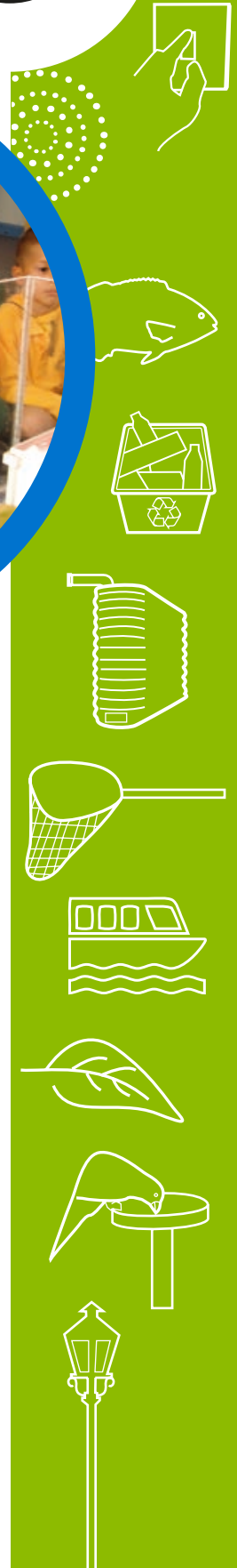
This program is designed to develop a caring attitude towards the environment amongst students and to help teachers use their school grounds as a teaching and learning resource. The program also emphasises ways that students can contribute to environmental quality at school (and at home), by undertaking simple actions that reduce their impact on the environment.

The program will allow students to:

- 🌱 Investigate the school's environment and develop knowledge and understanding about the natural and built environment;
- 🌱 Investigate impacts of human activity on the natural environment;
- 🌱 Gain an understanding of how sustainable behaviours can help improve the environmental quality of the school;
- 🌱 Undertake simple geographic skills in mapping, fieldwork, tallying, spatial technologies and visual representations; and
- 🌱 Demonstrate a caring attitude towards the environment through the use of ICT.

During the incursion, students will:

- 🌱 Learn about sustainability and locate their school on a google map;
- 🌱 Take part in an interactive story, and learn an accompanying song, about sustainable school management practices;
- 🌱 Watch a demonstration of a storm water model to understand issues associated with storm water pollution;
- 🌱 Investigate the school buildings and grounds in order to tally positive and negative environmental management practices; and
- 🌱 Create a simple presentation on an iPad about sustainable behaviours.



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This program supports the ES1 Geography Syllabus in the areas of:

- **Important Places** –
Why places are special and how to care for them?
and *Why people need to take care of places?*

And the Stage 1 Syllabus
in the areas of:

- **Features of places** –
*How places can be
cared for.*

And the Cross
Curriculum Priority of:

- **Sustainability**



Cost:

\$60 per class for up to six classes per day.

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