

The Earth's Environment – S2

A program to support S2 Geography

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'The Earth's Environment' is a Stage 2 Geography fieldwork program focusing on the Key Inquiry Question of 'Why do people value Balls Head Reserve and how can it be protected?'

Students will use the Balls Head Reserve and Coal Loader Sustainability Centre sites to:

- Examine features and characteristics of places and environments;
- Describe the ways people, places and environments interact;
- Examine differing perceptions about the management of places and environments; and
- Acquire and communicate geographical information using geographical tools for enquiry.



Integrating the '*Sustainability*' cross curriculum priority is a feature of the program.

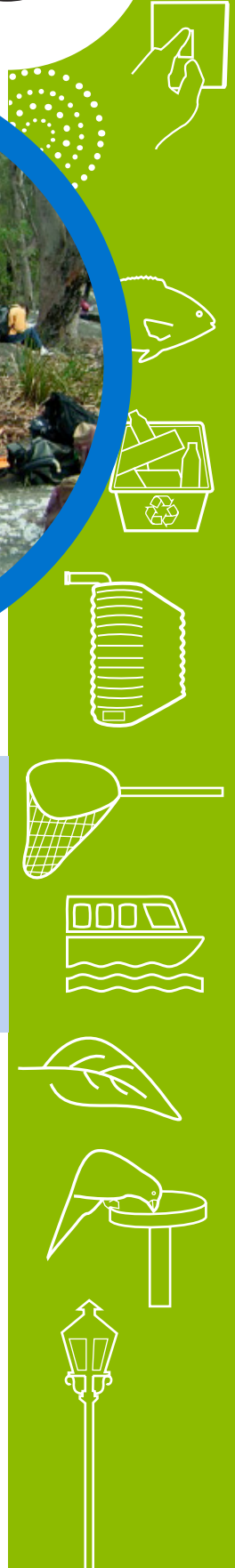
The program has three main components:

1. Introductory activities and web based resources.
2. A fieldwork day at Balls Head Reserve and The Coal Loader, Waverton
3. Follow up activities to enhance Geographic and Sustainability knowledge, skills, values and attitudes.



During the full day fieldwork excursion, students will:

- Acquire, process and communicate geographic information to answer a fieldwork question
- Learn about past uses of the site including those of Aboriginal people, and as a working coal loader;
- Learn basic geographic tools including map reading, line drawings and photo interpretation;
- Undertake a guided tour of the Coal Loader Sustainability Centre to learn about actions that improve sustainability; and
- Learn about features of places at Balls Head Reserve.



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The program supports the Stage 2 Geography Syllabus *'Earth's Environment'* topic including:

- ☀ The ways people (including Aboriginal people) value and protect environments
- ☀ How people have valued environments differently over time
- ☀ How custodial responsibility for place influences Aboriginal views on the environment
- ☀ Ways people influence places and contribute to sustainability



Cost: From \$10 per student

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