## **Environmental Change & Management**

A fieldwork program to support Stage 5 Geography

'Environmental Change and Management supports the Stage 5 Geography topic 'Environmental Change and Management', and focuses on marine environments and ways people can change and manage them.

## The program has three main components:

- Introductory activities and resources, including a comprehensive investigation of Sydney Harbour as a changing environment, to introduce the students to the fieldwork site and activities.
- 2. A whole day fieldwork experience at Clifton Gardens Reserve
- 3. Follow up activities and resources to enhance geographical knowledge and skills.

During the fieldwork day, students will:

- Acquire, process and communicate geographic information to answer a fieldwork question.
- Participate in a citizen science project involving collecting micro-plastic samples on Chowder Bay beach to add to research on the causes, extent and consequences of plastic pollution
- Learn basic geographic tools of inquiry including mapping, field sketching, photo interpretation and water testing
- Take part in an workshop about the marine ecosystem of Sydney Harbour.
- Learn about, and model on Chowder Bay beach, stormwater management strategies.
- Test stormwater in a watercourse in Chowder Bay Reserve for pollutants, and learn about the consequences of stormwater pollution.



