

Environmental Education Grants and Resources for Schools

This page contains information for schools on grants and resources available for environmental projects.

A list of Government community grant programs can be found at:

www.grantslink.gov.au/

DET have a list of grants available to schools on their website visit:

www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/envired/prosupport/grants/

The National Solar Schools Program offers grants of up to \$50 000 to install solar power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures; visit:

www.environment.gov.au/settlements/renewable/nationalsolarschools/index.html

Department of Environment and Climate Change provide grants of up to \$2500 to schools through their Eco School Grant Program, visit:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm

The Community Coastcare program and the Threatened Species Network Community grant program provides funding for natural resource management and threatened species projects; visit:

www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html

NSW Environmental Trust - Protecting our Places Grants provides funding for Aboriginal Cultural heritage programs in schools; visit

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm

Rainwater Tank rebates and teaching resources on water:

www.sydneywater.com.au/EnsuringtheFuture/WaterSchool/

Eco Gardens

Seed to Seed – Food Gardens in Schools: www.seedsavers.net/schoolgardens/

Information and resources: www.communitygarden.org.au

Great lesson plans: www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools/resources

Native Gardens and Frog Ponds

Teaching information: www.anbg.gov.au/education/teacher-info.html

Frogs and Frog Ponds: www.fats.com.au

Climate Change and Sustainable Living

Education resources, factsheets and grant information www.greenhouse.gov.au

Online educational games on energy issues for children www.energysmart.gov.au

Information on climate change www.climatecrisis.net/

Teaching resources on transport www.travelsmart.com.au

Teaching resource and student activities www.olliesworld.com/

Warringah Council's website: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

School environmental programs and teaching resources

Warringah Council Environmental Education Team, Ph: 9942 2111

Provides advice on environmental education programs for schools, free teaching resources, assistance in developing School Environmental Management Plans, letters of support for school grant applications, information about the northern beaches environment and assistance in choosing native plants.

Kimbriki Recycling and Waste Disposal Centre, Ph: 9486 3512.

Provides free excursions for schools to the Centre, the excursions include a tour of the Eco Garden and recycling areas. Fee based workshops can also be run for schools and Kimbriki sells compost bins, mulches, gravels and recycled products.

Department of Education and Training (DET) Sustainable Schools Programs

The NSW Sustainable Schools website at www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au has a SEMP builder, guides on how to do environmental audits, information on grant funding and resources and examples from other schools. The Sustainable Schools website is a great place to share your experiences and learn from other schools.

The NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) has also developed a resource to help schools develop School Environmental Management Plans, run environmental audits and implement environmental education programs called *Implementing the Environmental Education Policy in your school* which is available at www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/envired/assets/pdf/eeimplementdoc.pdf

DET Environmental Education Centres offering school programs:

Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre

www.fieldofmar-e.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 9816-1298. Offers school excursions, environmental audits and other programs.

Gibberong Environmental Education Centre www.gibberong-e.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 9486 3512. Offers school excursions, environmental audits and other programs.

Coastal Environment Centre (CEC), Ph: 9970 6905 www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au

CEC is a community environmental learning centre operated by Pittwater Council. The Centre runs environmental education programs for schools, provides a range of fee based excursions and information on the northern beaches environment.

Manly Environment Centre, Ph: 9976 2842 www.mec.org.au

MEC is a community environmental resource centre that provides extensive information on environmental education and information on the northern beaches environment.

Teaching Resources on Bushland and Catchment programs:

Protecting Our Threatened Species – Duffy's Forest Teaching Resource

This resource includes a series of lessons linked to syllabus outcomes (for stage 2 students, but easily adaptable) on bushland issues, native animals, threatened species and the values of urban bushland. Contact Warringah Council on 9942 2111.

Manly Dam Catchment Teaching Resource – Keeping Our Dam Alive

This teaching resource is aimed at stages 2 and 3 and although focused on Manly Dam it can be applied to any catchment area. It includes lesson plans and activities on native

plants and weeds, birds, mammals, feral animals, reptiles, frogs, fish and water quality. Contact Warringah Council on 9942 2111.

Earth Alive Resource Book – Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre

Earth Alive is a 9 – 11 week Science and Technology program for stage 3 students that aims to develop knowledge, understanding and care for ecosystems and biodiversity. This program has been developed only for NSW Department of Education and Training schools. Contact Field of Mars on 9816-1298.

Streams Alive Manual - Stage 3 Students

Streams Alive is a teaching resource for Stage 3 focusing on catchment issues and on how the activities of people affect waterways. Streams Alive is divided into a series of 10 lessons all linked to syllabus outcomes visit: www.streamwatch.org.au

Teaching Resources on Water Conservation programs:

Rainwater Tanks in Schools – Every Drop Counts Water Audit - Stage 3 and 4

'Every Drop Counts in Schools' is an education resource designed to assist schools to do a water audit, develop a water management action plan and become eligible for the rainwater tank rebate. Sydney Water has also produced a short DVD guide on how to conduct a water audit in your school. These resources are free, to request a copy email education@sydneywater.com.au.

Teaching Resources on Climate Change and Sustainable Living:

Ollie Saves the Planet program is an interactive learning tool for ages 5-13 and contains fun units of work in the areas of sustainability, waste, water, energy, air and biodiversity. The CD-rom is full of fun activities and a movie. Visit the website for more information www.olliesworld.com

Travelsmart Teaching Resource for Primary and High School Students

Travelsmart has online education resources for schools with activities and lesson plans on transport issues visit www.travelsmart.gov.au/schools

Seed to Seed – Food Gardens in Schools is a resource that includes lesson plans, seed raising, vegetable beds, composting, mulch, lesson plans and useful websites. This resource is free to download from www.seedsavers.net or you can purchase a hard copy.

Study guides for primary and high schools on climate change and other environmental issues can be downloaded for free at: www.metromagazine.com.au

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