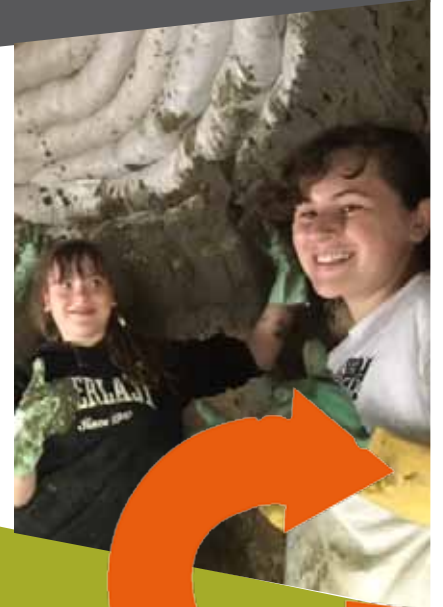


Yarra Valley

ecoss

**ECOLOGICAL &
SOCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY**



Earth Education

OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS
& SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY,
SECONDARY & HOME SCHOOLS

OUR SCHOOL EXCURSIONS OFFER:

- > A range of programs for student groups of all ages
- > The inspiring setting of Yarra Valley ECOSS Community Environment Park
- > Experienced and passionate educators
- > Programs that support Vic Learning outcomes & curriculum requirements
- > ECOSS Early Childhood Excursions for 4 and 5 year old kinder students
- > Worms, mini-beast and compost exploration
- > Bees, hives and plant discovery
- > Organic native and edible seed propagation and seed saving techniques
- > Tall Trees education by Warburton Environment

- > Hands-on sustainable building experience
- > Clay play at Yarra Valley Community Pottery Studio at ECOSS
- > Cultural Homes of the World display
- > Heritage fruit tree orchard and wicking bed garden displays
- > Community Garden & Biodynamic Market Garden
- > Frog Bog, Tiny Houses and Biofiltration Tour

ECOSS FEE STRUCTURE:

Incursions: \$450 for 4 hrs

Excursions: \$400

* Minimum 20 kids or alternate fee structure applies.

Cancellation fees apply.

**Yarra Valley Ecosystems: 711 Old Warburton Road, Wesburn Vic.
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Schools Program Descriptions:

EcoSS Discovery Tour:

Discover the riches of ECOSS including the Natural Building Centre, the Organic Seedling Hot Houses, Community Garden, Heritage Apple Espalia Orchard, Chook pen, Fragrant Herb Garden, Cultural Homes of the World, Indigenous Reconciliation Conversation Pit, Earth Goddess, Tiny Houses, Silvertyne Biodynamic farm, and more.

1 hour

Tall Trees - facilitated by Warburton Environment

Learn about the tallest trees where the Leadbeaters possum lives that provide our drinking water and the vision in action to protect them for the future. Become wardens of the forest.

30 minutes

Bees & Honey:

Bees play a major role in our ecosystem as well as being a wonderful way for children to learn more about communal insects. The live observation hive at EcoSS, along with our trained beekeeper, allows the children to see right inside the secret world of the hive, and learn all about why honey bees are important to our food production and our environment. Children also enjoy eating fresh honey comb out of the hive.

- by Yarra Valley Bee Group
Also available as an incursion

Compost and Worm Spaghetti:

We have worm spaghetti to share. What magic do worms perform in your garden? Come and check out our hot compost!

Activity tailored for all ages
30 minutes
Also available as an incursion.

Propagation Station & Hot House Tour:

Whilst propagating your own organic vegetable seedling to take home, learn about why we prefer organic vegetables and how to make your garden most successful.

Take a tour of our hot houses.

30 minutes
Also available as an incursion.

Ponding & Frog Bog:

What critters do you think wriggle in our ponds? Come and get hands on experience catching, identifying and understanding our mini-beasts and frogs.

In our Frog Bog
45 minutes

Break It Down:

How long does it take to decompose?

Take a look at your lunch waste:
What is it made of?
What resources has it consumed in its short life?
What happens after we throw it in the bin?

Also available as an incursion

Sustainable Building Project:

Participate in the latest sustainable building project, including learning straw bale, cob, Earthship building and more. Gain understanding of passive solar design.

1+ hours

Permaculture & Farming Techniques

Learn current sustainable farm management techniques, how to enhance soil biology and increase carbon storage on a farm.

Includes a tour of our market garden.

VCE Level Activity
1.5 hours

Discover the Magic of Aromatic Herbs

Let your tastebuds lead the way with this fun imaginative activity.

Early childhood
20 minutes
Available as Incursion

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