Aboriginal School Excursion Programs
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PRIMARY ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY
For more information and to book please visit www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/learn

CONNECTION AND COUNTRY
STAGE 1 HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY
Students will learn about the local Aboriginal people of the area, the Cadigal people. Your students will be guided by Aboriginal Education Officers through cultural perspectives of traditional customs, connections to land, beliefs, stories and dance of significance to Aboriginal people.

CONTACT: FIRST ENCOUNTERS
STAGE 2 HISTORY
Explore the impacts of British colonisation on the local Aboriginal people. Investigate the plants used by the Gadigal for food, medicine, tools and weapons. Get a hands on experience using artefacts and stories to gain insight into the convict experience.

ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AND PLANTS*
STAGE 2 GEOGRAPHY AND STAGE 3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Your students will investigate a wide variety of local native plants which were integral in the life of the first Australians. In this lesson, Aboriginal Education Officers will provide a personal perspective of how indigenous people of the Sydney area used plants for food, medicine, tools and weapons, giving students a unique opportunity to meet and interact with members of our indigenous communities.

* Available at Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan.
SECONDARY ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN SYDNEY
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FIRST CONTACT
STAGE 4 HISTORY AND ABORIGINAL STUDIES
Explore the impacts of British colonialism on the first Australians, particularly the traditional owners of the Sydney city area, the Cadigal people. Students will discover how Aboriginal people used the land and plants prior to first contact and then investigate the plants and seeds brought by the First Fleet and their uses and value at Farm Cove.

FOOD IN AUSTRALIA
STAGE 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY & ABORIGINAL STUDIES
The many different cultural groups who have settled in Australia have led to our food becoming a fusion of ingredients and flavours. Students will engage with Food in Australia by investigating, preparing and tasting Aboriginal bush foods and discovering how the diet began to evolve when the first settlers farmed food on this land.

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PLACES
ESL & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Explore the ways that Aboriginal people used plants for food, tools and medicine. Students will love the discovery walk and Australian bush tucker tasting with an Aboriginal Education Officer.
CONNECTION AND COUNTRY
STAGE 1 HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY
Students will learn about the local Aboriginal people of the area, the Dharawal people. Your students will be guided by Aboriginal Education Officers through cultural perspectives of traditional customs, connections to land, beliefs, stories and dance of significance to Aboriginal people.

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DISCOVERING DHARAWAL
STAGE 4 SCIENCE

Discover the plants and seasons of the local Aboriginal people of the area, the Dharawal. Join our Aboriginal Educators for a hands-on learning experience as students explore the native plants of the area; their traditional uses and life cycles in relation to the seasonal calendar of the Dharawal. Learn about how Aboriginal people use various natural materials for weapons, tools, creating song and dance, with students attempting to create their very own traditional Aboriginal shelter.
ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS
CENTENNIAL PARK
For more information and to book please email education@centennialparklands.com.au

INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTS
STAGE 1 GEOGRAPHY & SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Learn about the natural environment and how it has been used by Australia’s Indigenous Peoples through generations. Discover how plants and natural materials are used by Aboriginal people for various purposes in a hands-on learning experience. Gain an insight into how Aboriginal people source natural materials from their surroundings and have used these to adapt to the changing Australian climate for thousands of years.

THE PEOPLE’S PARK
STAGE 2 HISTORY
Learn about Australia’s natural and human history by journeying through time and place in Centennial Park. Discover the pre-colonial importance of Centennial Park’s landscape to the local Indigenous people, the Gadigal and Bidjigal Peoples. Find out about the importance of fresh water to the survival of colonial Sydney and visit the site of the signing of the Federation document in 1901.

SALTWATER VS FRESHWATER
STAGE 5 GEOGRAPHY, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Learn about the similarities and differences between Aboriginal culture in saltwater and freshwater environments through unique hands on learning experiences. Led by our Aboriginal Educators, gain insight into how Aboriginal culture has positively influenced agricultural sustainability for thousands of years in both ecosystems. Learn about both environments flora and fauna through to the different hunting techniques, technologies and conditions experienced.
DELIVERING ABORIGINAL EDUCATION BETTER

Teachers Professional Development course

*Deliver Aboriginal Education Better* is a professional development course offered by the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney. This course will inform Primary and Secondary teachers on how to become a better Aboriginal Educator within their own school environment.

Teachers will learn about how the Royal Botanic Gardens can support schools with implementing Aboriginal culture and perspectives across the curriculum, from classroom level to whole school activities. Create engaging, curriculum linked resources, learn about how to start your own bush tucker gardens and engage with Aboriginal educators to help prepare and inspire you for delivering Aboriginal Education within your school.

Completing the course Deliver Aboriginal Education Better will contribute 5 hours of NESA Registered PD addressing 1.4.2, 2.4.2, 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

**Course details:**

- Program offered in 2019
- **Time:** 9am - 3pm
- **Cost:** $150.00 per person (morning tea and lunch included)
- **Location:** The Learning Centre, Royal Botanic Garden Sydney
- **Bookings:** rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/learn/events-pd/aboriginal-education
OPEN ACCESS LEARNING FUNDING – EXCURSION SUBSIDY

Open Access Learning is an initiative of the Royal Botanic Garden to support children of all abilities and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy access to exhibitions and education programs delivered in our Garden.

Through the scheme, groups can apply to have the cost of a school excursion, holiday or weekend program subsidised so they participate free of charge. Extra support will also be provided where needed in consultation with Botanic Gardens educators.

Criteria - Key Information

Eligibility

A subsidy of excursion cost and a travel subsidy is offered only to schools or classes registered as having special learning needs, remote or rural schools or special needs children’s organisations on the ACNC register, or other school groups with proof of disadvantage as described in the terms below.

Applications

Applications are now open for 2018-19.

Cost/Subsidy

If your school or organisation’s application is successful, we will subsidise the full staffing and materials/equipment cost of the Royal Botanic Garden (RBG) Sydney program and allocate a travel subsidy of up to $20 per student.

Sessions offered

School excursions, children’s holiday and weekend programs at Royal Botanic Garden (RBG) Sydney.

Student Numbers

Please note that a minimum and maximum number of eligible students applies – see below for details.

Excursion Subsidy Eligibility

Automatic qualification of complimentary excursion will be applied if:

- your school is listed on the DET list of Special Schools (Schools for Specific Purpose) or
- you are on the DET list of Support Classes in Regular and Special Schools

Application for complimentary excursion will be considered when:

- the majority of students in a class have special learning needs
- your school has an ICSEA score <900 for Resource Allocation Model funding
- your organisation is listed with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

More information available at rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/learn/open-access-learning