

Dune EduAction

Eco-logic Education & Environment Services



Dune EduAction

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aims to restore degraded coastal ecosystems between Anglesea and Apollo Bay. Being involved in the program, school and community groups gain an awareness of coastal processes and a sense of ownership of the coastal resources. Through being actively involved in on-ground works, participants are more likely to modify behaviours that may have degraded coastal ecosystems in the first place.

Students, teachers and community members who are involved in the program will be introduced to brush matting, weeding and revegetation techniques in a bid to prevent erosion and trampling, and protect cultural sites and important coastal habitats for species of animals such as the threatened Rufous Bristle Bird and Hooded Plover.

Being involved in Dune EduAction, participants will:

- Learn about the formation of the coast and land forms such as dunes.
- Learn the role of coastal environments such as dunes as a habitat for animals.
- Learn the significance of dune systems as a cultural site.
- Learn about the importance of vegetation in protecting coastal environments from erosion.
- Raise community awareness of the effect of human impact on the dunes.
- Participate in an action program to stabilise bare surfaces using brush matting.
- Collect and plant seedlings and cuttings in the stabilised soils.
- Learn prominent invasive weeds and appropriate removal techniques.

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is a program well worth your school pursuing, whether you are a local or visiting school. Current schools involved in the program are finding their projects extremely rewarding and a lot of fun, and are already intending to make their involvement long-term which is the key to permanent environmental change. This program is free and can be easily tied into Civics and Citizenship and/or other VELS strands and domains and gives students and community members an opportunity to make positive changes to the environment, showing responsibility and stewardship for our coast and play a hands-on role in its protection.

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