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Educational programs for school students.

Self-guided walks - free!

Why not use the Botanic Gardens for a fun day of learning with your students outdoors, by discovering the Gardens? *(Please remember to book)*

We can help you devise self-guided activities or learning experiences to suit your school, your children, and your interests. We can acquaint you with the wealth of experiences that the Botanic Gardens has to offer. Please feel free to arrange a meeting and/or guided walk with Maya Harrison our Visitor Services Officer.

We come to you - free!

Let us create learning experiences in your space through our resource program **"Planted Elsewhere"**. We can visit your school to present a variety of topics with hands-on, minds-on experiences and resources:

- Wildlife Wonders: inspect mini-beasts, observe insect features, characteristics and their dependence on each other.
- Simple or Compound? : discover the leaves in your school, identify and sort leaf shapes, names and margins.
- Life cycles of plants, moths, butterflies and other creatures.
- Plant a seed and grow a mind: carry out sorting and matching activities, discover how seeds are dispersed by wind, water and wildlife.

Planning a visit to the Botanic Gardens?

Please notify the Botanic Gardens about *any* planned school or group visit. Whether you wish to be self-guided, or plan to participate in an organised tour at the Gardens, our staff should be made aware of your intended visit. Maintenance such as watering, mowing, whipper-snipping, and spraying could make the area you plan to visit unavailable, events and functions may clash or wildlife may be 'on the move' in certain areas. Please pass on this information to others who may be involved in Education.

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Planted: educational programs offered by the Botanic Gardens for students aged prep to year 12. Explore a range of activities designed for young people that are both fun and informative. From “find it” quizzes to guided walks, presentations and hands-on learning - a memorable visit is guaranteed.

What do we have on offer?

Maya Harrison, our qualified educator provides:

- exciting outdoor, real life, hands-on, minds-on, investigative learning opportunities
- experiences at the Botanic Gardens that complement and integrate with Education Queensland curricula. (Science, S.O.S.E, Art, Language, Maths, Culture and Identity)
- learning activities designed to suit specific prep, primary and secondary levels.

Guided walks, tours and presentations - \$3.50 per student

Get your class involved in an informative tour with a range of investigations linked to your current curriculum :

> 2010 is the “Year of Biodiversity”

The Botanic Gardens illustrates this wonderfully through its plant collection, creatures and cultural experiences.

> International Plant Conservation Day

is May 18th, activities will be available for schools and the public on that day and during that week.
e.g. *The “Threatened Species” guided walk*



> Investigative topics include:

- Natural Composting plus *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*
- Water: the wonder thing, being water-wise
- Plant Connections and Plant Adaptations
- Wildlife Wonders: inspecting mini beasts.
- Drawing in... Nature
- The History of the Lagoons
- Bush Tucker and useful plants.
- Sustainable Societies and Endangered Species
- Turn over a new leaf: Plant Biodiversity
- Hide and Seek trails: what hides in the Gardens?

> Fun visits

include physical adventures in the “Under the Banyan” Playgarden, interactive art workshops, leaf hunts, quizzes and “find it” activities.

> Formal presentations

designed for older students: local experts cover a diverse range of linkages, from best practice ecotourism, nature based studies, local wildlife and the importance of the environment to urban areas.

What to bring for your students

When visiting the Gardens students will need:

- Hats
- Drink bottles (water fountains are located beside the toilets at the Visitors Centre and in the Japan Garden)
- Footwear
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Umbrellas or raincoats (in wet weather)
- First Aid kit

Email updates

To receive regular updates on the educational programs offered at the Botanic Gardens please email a request and your contact details to:
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