

# WHITTLING AND WEAVING INCURSION

This creative and hands-on based workshop looks at using and creating tools as a form of technology. Aimed at Years 3-7, children will learn specific skills in whittling to create a tool and a woven art piece of their own.

A valuable opportunity to take risks confidently and practice self-control and persistence.

This workshop provides strong connections to indigenous culture, links to the Australian curriculum outcomes and real world experiences that empower children to develop and extend their sense of self.

Suitable for schools, vacation care programs, OSHC services and community groups.

- **Workshop 1 – Whittling in Nature:**  
Students are provided with hands on experience to transform an everyday stick into a unique piece of their own. Drawing on indigenous connections as well as design and technology thinking skills, this workshop offers children opportunity to enjoy the therapeutic nature of whittling, to use their creativity and to learn to use whittling tools safely to produce a tool of their own.
- **Workshop 2 – Nature Weaving:**  
Drawing on the ancient art of Indigenous weaving, students will appreciate the tactile and aesthetic appeal of natural fibres and materials as they learn skills in weaving their own mat or basket. Children can also have opportunity to participate in weaving on a large natural loom to create a piece of temporary art work. This workshop uses needles as tools for creating, but will also help build a connection to aboriginal culture and indigenous history

## LINKS TO CURRICULUM

- Design and technology
- History, Indigenous connections
- Sustainability

## SKILLS UTILISED

- Critical and creative thinking
- Fine motor
- Hand Eye co-ordination
- Persistence and resilience

## WHAT WE OFFER

- Sessions provided by qualified educators. One of our instructors is also trained in outdoor education and nature pedagogy
- An introductory session to begin that explores how and why we should strike a healthy balance between time in nature and our new age technologies, screen time vs. green time
- 90min workshop rotating between two learning experiences
- Supply of tools (whittling peelers), and materials with two items for the students to take home

## FEE STRUCTURE

- Minimum spend of \$200
- Cost is \$18/student (+GST)
- Negotiated rate outside metro area

## CANCELLATIONS

- A \$200 cancellation fee will apply if your confirmed booking is cancelled and no date is rescheduled.

## ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTORS

Your session will be led by qualified educators and trainers who are experienced, enthusiastic, and passionate about connecting children, families and educators to nature in a way that is fun and engaging. They will use provocations and open-ended questions to guide children's self discovery and learning at age appropriate levels and will ensure children are inspired and engaged. Contact us if you would like more information about our instructors.

## HOW TO BOOK

- Booking is as simple as emailing your preferred dates along with your contact details to [schools@natureplaysa.org.au](mailto:schools@natureplaysa.org.au)
- We will make contact with you to confirm your date, and detailed information will be sent to you with your booking confirmation to help you prepare for the day.
- An invoice will be sent to you immediately following your incursion for payment within 14 days