



Nature Play
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NATURAL *elements* INCURSION

The Natural Elements incursion is a multi-sensory, play-based learning experience that inspires creativity and joyful connections with nature. Students explore and create with natural materials and loose parts with a focus on developing STEM thinking dispositions and affordances in nature. In addition to providing fun, engaging and sensory nature-based experiences for students, our team will share tips for outdoor learning with teachers; practical ideas and simple 'next steps' to support every teacher's journey into learning outside the classroom.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Early Years to Year 2

This program is suitable for early and primary years, vacation care programs and community groups.

CURRICULUM LINKS

STEM thinking skills / sustainability / Indigenous connections / sensory play / biological science

SKILL FOCUS

Problem solving / creativity / fine motor development / sensory integration

STRUCTURE OF SESSION

- Each session runs for 90 minutes
- Three sessions can be accommodated in a school day
- Maximum of 30 students per session

ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTORS

Each session is led by qualified educators and skilled professionals who are enthusiastic about connecting children with nature.

Our approach is play based and encourages children's independence and agency.

WHAT WE OFFER

All workshops explore concepts around loose parts play, sensory play, creativity, 'finding wild' and STEM thinking skills. Every session will include **three** [3] or **four** [4] of the following offerings:

Loose Parts Play - Learn about the engineering design process to imagine and reimagine design solutions with open-ended materials. Our range of loose parts are ever growing and this workshop can be tailored with STEM challenges or unstructured play as required.

Sensory Play - Students touch and explore a variety of mediums including scented play-dough and smaller natural loose parts to make a creation inspired by their imagination.

Seed Bombs - Children discover the cool, earthiness of clay when sculpting seed 'bombs'. Watch the wonder of nature unfold after each rain with our mammoth sunflowers.

Stick Rafts - This mini floating challenge requires students to lash, thread and weave sticks together to create a stick raft. The only question is, will the stick raft float or sink? Students will enjoy testing their creations and working to improve their design.

Leaf Threading - The colours of nature are impressive but easily overlooked. This experience blends the development of fine motor skills with a close connection to nature.

FEE STRUCTURE

Members \$14.50 [+GST] per student

Non-members \$16 [+GST] per student

Minimum spend of \$300 and travel surcharges may apply.

A \$200 cancellation fee applies if your confirmed booking is cancelled without rescheduling.

HOW TO BOOK

Email the following information to schools@natureplaysa.org.au

- Name and address of your site
- Contact name, phone and email
- Year level and number of students
- Three preferred dates
- Three scheduling options for your 90-minute session[s] based on the structure of your school day i.e. before recess, after recess or after lunch

Confirmation and further information will be issued on receipt of your booking.

NEXT STEPS

On receipt of your booking, we will contact you to confirm your date and send detailed information about your program to help you prepare for the day. An invoice will be sent to you immediately following your excursion for payment within 14 days.