



COAST GUARDIANS PROGRAM - YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Coast Guardians is the Great Ocean Road Coast's flagship environmental education program and is tailored towards year 9 students protecting the coast.

As Coast Guardians, schools participate throughout the year taking ownership of a site to help enhance their understanding of the natural environment. This helps foster relationships with each other and the environment while engaging the students in practical learning.

This free program aims to increase environmental awareness while examining coastal issues and encouraging social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Students regularly attend coastal education sessions throughout the year where theory-based learning is integrated with participation in on-ground conservation activities.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We understand that each school and group is different, therefore our programs and activities are flexible and cater for student's abilities and environmental understanding.

The Coast Guardians Program also creates valuable partnerships between participating schools and Great Ocean Road Coast, as well as local community organisations and volunteer groups.

FEATURES OF THE COAST GUARDIANS PROGRAM

- Highly trained and skilled staff run these activities
- 'Hands on' conservation work
- Student Forum at end of year with all Coast Guardians Schools
- Special guest speakers from local coastal community – volunteers, local heroes, experts

- Wet weather program at school
- Walks and talks
- Real life problem solving
- Fun breakup activities
- Relates to curriculum: Science, Geography, History, Maths, English, HPE, Personal Learning
- Use of scientific equipment for monitoring waterways
- Community service

WEEDING | MULCHING | EROSION CONTROL
PLANTING | SITE MAINTENANCE | LITTER COLLECTION

TOPICS COVERED

Coast Guardians explores major coastal issues and topics in greater depth, including:

- Ecosystems and coastal processes on the coast
- Plant and animal identification and adaptations
- Indigenous and cultural heritage of sites and plants and animal uses
- Natural threats to the environment
- Climate variations
- Human impacts on the coastal environment
- Threatened flora and fauna species and the importance of biodiversity
- Coastal management issues and solutions
- Local land manager's roles



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