

OVERVIEW

Year 1: Habitats are Homes



Habitats are Homes is a whole day program immersing students in a sensory exploration of Toohey Forest.

On the day students meet an interesting character who needs help. Students take on the role of 'Guardians of the Forest' and explore the basic needs of plants and animals in Toohey Forest. Students read the story *The Bushwalk* to gain a deeper understanding of native animals and then complete an activity matching animals and their habitats.

Students search for habitats in the forest, enhancing their knowledge of a variety of plant and animal habitats and how to protect them. Students locate their position on a map and add features along the way. They interpret Aboriginal symbols located in the forest throughout their journey. Students work together to collect insects in jars to later look at them via a large digital microscope outputting to a 60 inch screen. Students consolidate their learning by participating in a sand story activity as well as an animal footprint art activity with paint.

When the interesting character returns, students share their knowledge about habitats in Toohey Forest and how to protect them. Students receive a map to take back to school.

The program concludes with students meeting live animals and discussing their habitats and needs.

Habitats are Homes has been assessed as medium risk. A Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment is available on request. An itinerary will be provided upon confirmation of your booking.



Curriculum Intent:

Science Understanding

Identify the basic needs of plants and animals, including air, water, food and shelter and describe how the places they live meet those needs (AC9SIU01)

Elaboration: recognising how First Nations Australians care for living things

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures

First Nations communities of Australia maintain a deep connection to, and responsibility for, Country/ Place and have holistic values and belief systems that are connected to the land, sea, sky and waterways (A_TSICP1)

