

The Ultimate Outdoor Experience



The Program

Key Knowledge/Skills Areas: Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Outline: A practical experience designed to give students the opportunity to explore the natural environment of Port Phillip Bay in a fun but safe manner. During the tour students will be taught how to snorkel safely and investigate ways to minimise the impact they have on the ecosystems that they explore. They will also be introduced into the most recent issue of the bay - The Channel Deepening Project - and the role of the media in such environmental issues.

The Tour

The tour generally consists of three snorkels - all of which are lead by Qualified Snorkel Instructors. Students are introduced to the water at Pope's Eye, where they are taught safe snorkeling practices in a sheltered environment. Part of the Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park, Pope's Eye has become a very popular dive site due to its abundance in marine life. Once comfortable with their equipment, students are then introduced to a population of young male Australian Fur Seals, followed by a snorkel with a pod of Bottlenose Dolphins. Due to their wild nature a swim with the dolphins cannot be guaranteed, but in the event that we do not find them we will endeavour to have a snorkel elsewhere. While on the boat, students will be entertained with activities such as a ride on the boom-net, a duck spa, and if time permits - fishing. Generally the program runs for 3.5 hours, but this can easily be shortened according to your needs. All equipment is provided - including wetsuit, fins, mask and snorkel, with snacks and drinks served throughout the journey.

Key Knowledge/Skills

- Motivation for seeking outdoor experiences
- Human responses to nature such as fear, appreciation, awe or contemplation
- Media portrayals of nature and outdoor experiences
- Safe participation in outdoor experiences
- Understanding related to minimal impact outdoor travel and living
- Work cooperatively in groups during outdoor experiences

Feel it, Hear it, Taste it, Smell it, Sea it!