

**BAYPLAY ADVENTURE TOURS &
MELBOURNE AQUARIUM'S UNDERWATER ZOO EDUCATION SERVICE**
PROGRAM OPTIONS

SNORKEL TOUR – INTRODUCTION TO MARINE LIFE

Bayplay Component: An organised snorkel tour for your class

Melbourne Aquarium Component: Marine Life and Human Impacts program

Middle Years (Year 5 – Year 8)

Students investigate how a diverse range of aquatic animals - including penguins, sharks and turtles - use various structural features to survival in their habitat. They also learn about human impacts on these aquatic worlds, with a focus on sustainability and conservation best-practice.

Later Years (Year 9 – Year 10)

This program focuses on the threats to aquatic ecosystems and the animals that live within them. The potential effects of climate change on environments - ranging from tropical coral reefs to the icy wastes of Antarctica - are discussed. The program also explores human impacts such as overfishing, pollution and introduced species.

SNORKEL TOUR – INTRODUCTION TO REEFWATCH

Bayplay Component: An organised snorkel tour for your class

Melbourne Aquarium Component: Reefwatch & Species ID program

Middle Years (Year 5 – Year 8) or Later Years (Year 9 – Year 10)

Students learn about the animals and features of Australia's aquatic environments, with a special reference to the importance to biodiversity and our natural world. The introduction of the Reefwatch program is investigated and the importance of the work already being done in our local environments highlighted. Common species found in our local environments are also identified for the students, from the box-like Ornate Cowfish to the half-grown 2 metre, 200 kilogram Smooth Stingray.

SNORKEL WITH SEA DRAGONS

Bayplay Component: An organised snorkel tour for your class

Melbourne Aquarium Component: Southern Ocean and Sea Dragons program

Middle Years (Year 5 – Year 8)

Students will learn about the wonders of the Southern Ocean - Victoria's local marine back yard. With a special focus on the species found in the Southern Ocean, including Victoria's very own marine mascot, the Weedy Seadragon and its relatives Leafy Seadragons and Big-bellied Seahorses.

Later Years (Year 9 – Year 10)

In this program students learn about the wonders of the Southern Ocean and its species are identified and highlighted. The differences between the Southern Ocean environments and other aquatic environments are explored.

SEA KAYAK – MANGROVES

Bayplay Component: A Sea Kayaking adventure for your class!

Melbourne Aquarium Component: Mangroves, Ecosystems and Human Impacts program

Later Years (Year 9 – Year 10)

Students will be introduced to the components that make up an ecosystem by exploring a variety of aquatic environments on display within the aquarium. Mangrove species and the importance they play on our natural environment are also discussed in this program. There is a specific focus on the threats to these aquatic ecosystems and the animals that live within them. The potential effects human impacts such as overfishing, pollution and introduced species are also explored.

SEA KAYAK – YARRA RIVER

Bayplay Component: A Sea Kayaking adventure for your class!

Melbourne Aquarium Component: Ecosystems, Yarra River and Human Impacts program

Later Years (Year 9 – Year 10)

Students use the variety of aquatic environments on display within the aquarium to learn about the components that make up an ecosystem. These concepts are then further addressed in relation to the Yarra River – its history of change and the effects on local fauna, flora and the implications for the future. The potential effects human impacts such as overfishing, pollution and introduced species are also explored.

BOOKING DETAILS:

To book your **Melbourne Aquarium** program please phone (03) 9923 5911

To book your **Bayplay** program please phone – Bookings Officer (03) 5984 0888

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