



Warburton Vic

Where are we?

We are located in the iconic Waterwheel Building in the historic township of **Warburton**, 72 km east of Melbourne. It is the furthestmost township along the **Yarra River**, lies down stream of the **Upper Yarra Reservoir** and is surrounded by a variety of unique ecosystems and conservation significant natural environments. With an abundance of native flora and fauna, the **Yarra Ranges National Park** and the **Yarra State Forest** offer richly diverse ecosystems for research and education. Home to the endangered Victorian bird and animal emblems, the Warburton Valley is the perfect place for our education programs and the **Indoor Forest!**

Warburton Habitat Tree Science & Geography Programs Student Excursions



Eastern Blue Tongue

- School Programs
- Indoor Forest
- Educational Hikes
- Private Tours
- Coach / Bus Tours

Warburton Habitat Tree promotes the long term conservation of Victoria's native forests, wildlife and aquatic ecosystems through education, awareness and active participation

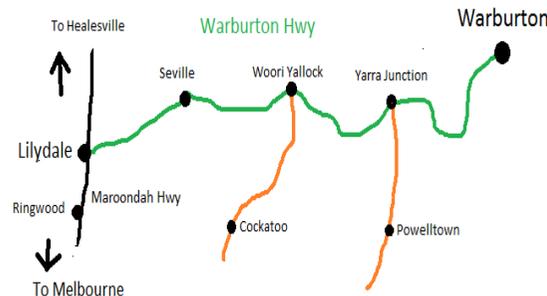
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Superb Blue Wren



Melbourne Water Yarra River



Program diversity:

- Forest ecology
- History
- Wurundjeri
- Early settlement
- Wildlife & habitats
- Endangered species
- Ecosystem health
- Biodiversity
- Climate
- Wildfire
- Water Catchment
- The Yarra River
- River health
- Water quality
- Macro-invertebrate identification
- Forest/ human relationships
- Sustainability
- Forest and water conservation



Rainforest Gallery



Monitor Lizard - Goanna

Our **Education Programs** are designed to meet the curriculum needs of each year level and include many cross curriculum priorities and general capabilities. Students can visit a variety of ecosystems to discover and be inspired by their unique native flora and fauna, as well as explore the Indoor Forest and its 56 species of native taxidermy bird, reptile and mammal taxa; engage, enjoy, inspire!



Melbourne Water Upper Yarra Reservoir



School Programs 4 hours Forest Programs

Our forest programs are facilitated at a variety of locations within both State and National Parks and



along the Upper reaches of the Yarra River. Ancient trees, giant Mountain Ash, fern gullies, wet and dry forests, alpine communities, endangered species, native wildlife, signs of life both past and present, and mountain tributaries make these forests the perfect classroom. Victoria's Biodiversity, wildlife



conservation and the sustainability of all living things is reliant on humans understanding of the importance of our natural environments and of the impacts that our actions have upon the world around us

Mountain Ash

Water Programs

Water Programs are held at locations along the Upper Yarra River and at the Upper Yarra Dam (1957). Students explore water and its journey through time and place. Discover the closed catchments of the Upper Yarra and



Upper Yarra Dam Melbourne Water

Melbourne's water supply, Fern gullies, diverse riparian zones, an abundance of aquatic species and habitats, old growth and the clean waters of the Upper Yarra River offer students a pristine aquatic environment. These healthy waterways face many challenges as they make their way from the bush to Port Phillip Bay. Explore the natural and human disturbances that impact our rivers and fresh water supplies.



Mayfly nymph

Cost: Primary 4 hours \$15.00
Secondary 4 hours \$16.00

Indoor Forest



Laughing Kookaburra



Indoor Forest 'Wildlife Biodiversity'

Here under the forest canopy you will find a life-like display of native taxidermy bird, reptile and mammal species. These animals are a valuable educational resource, providing an opportunity for students to observe physical characteristics of species while discussing distribution, habitat, threats, behaviour and life cycle/development. This interactive learning experience helps students to connect species with their environments and better understand and the challenges our wildlife face with habitat loss and a changing world. Enjoy spotlighting in the **Nocturnal Niche** to see what

you can find in our forests at night. And lastly, be careful of the bats and spiders as you exit via the **Abandoned Mine Shaft!**



Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*

Pre and post program resources are available. Please check the website for full program list

Vacation Care/Camp Programs

These programs are age appropriate, fun and engaging while introducing children to the natural world around them. We aim to inspire curiosity, increase knowledge, respect, wonder and connection. Plants, animals and humans depend on each other and their environment to survive. We are all connected. We can all make a difference!

Indoor Forest 1 hr	\$5.00
The Yarra River (YR) 1.5 hr	\$6.00
Cool Temperate Rainforest (CTRF) 1.5hr	\$7.00
YR / Indoor Forest 2.5hr	\$10.00
CTRF / Indoor Forest – 3.5 hr	\$12.00
Catchment Country – 2.5 to 4.5 hr	\$10-15
Indoor Forest / CTRF / YR - 4.5 hours	\$15.00

- Pick up an educator or meet at the dam
- Other options are available

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