

# NATURE-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

**Hands-on and interactive**

**Curriculum-aligned with a STEM and Sustainability focus**

## ▶ ABOUT NATURA PACIFIC

Natura Pacific is a social enterprise, which means that we do charity by doing trade. Profits from Natura Pacific environmental consulting services are used by the Natura Pacific education team to subsidise the development and implementation of resources and programs for schools and communities.

We have over 15 years of experience in teaching children and adults of all ages and abilities about the wonders of our natural world. Our diverse and passionate team includes qualified Teachers and practising Environmental Scientists with a high level of experience in their fields. We have developed programs, resources, interpretive

signage, brochures and more for a variety of clients.

We have hands-on and interactive workshops that we can appropriately adapt to suit the age of children in early learning centres as well as your curriculum requirements.

As well as early learning centres, our programs are also delivered to schools, OSHC and vacation care providers, tertiary institutions and community groups. We can facilitate planting days with school and community groups too. Let us know if you have an idea to create a 'Nature Club' or something a little outside of the box.

## ▶ WE COME TO YOU! OR ... WE CAN MEET YOU AT YOUR LOCAL PARK OR WATERWAY!

Our nature-based education workshops can be delivered as incursions at your centre or another suitable location of your choice such as your local park or waterway (with additional supervision assistance from your parent helpers).



## ▶ COSTS

**\$9 per child per workshop**

We do have a minimum charge to cover distance from our office, session length and resources.

We also have a **Sustainability Bundle price of \$8 per child** for centres who are interested in three to six workshop sessions per year and a **Friends of the Earth Package price of \$7 per child** for centres who are interested in all seven workshops. We have many workshops to choose from and we would love to be part of your centre's learning journey over the year.

Please contact us for a more comprehensive quote and to discuss your budget.

## CONTACT US:

To learn more about our programs, for a quote or to book please contact [info@natura-pacific.com](mailto:info@natura-pacific.com) | 1300 318 720

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## ABOUT OUR EARLY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Our workshops align with the Early Years Learning Framework and are best suited for 2.5 to 5 year olds. Our Education Officers are experienced with early learning groups and give children opportunities to sit and listen, extend vocabulary, take turns and raise hands to share answers and experiences, follow instructions, practice fine motor skills, share resources, be responsible, build confidence and take safe risks, look after the earth and its creatures and plants, and so much more.

**We can adapt the following workshops to suit your curriculum needs:**



### GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

Exciting new workshop!

Transform your centre's playground into a Garden for Wildlife! Children will learn how we can provide a wildlife-friendly habitat in their playground or backyard. This workshop will give children the opportunity to explore a variety of topics including **basic needs, natural and man-made habitats, basic food chains, responsible pet ownership, snake awareness** and more. Each child will plant a seed for a 'bee-eautiful' bee and watch it grow over the next few weeks! It's each child's responsibility to ensure it grows.



**FOR MORE PLANTING FUN**, consider booking a Sustainability Bundle or Friends of the Earth Package\* and booking 'Magic Gardens' too.



### MINI BEASTS

Our mini beast collection is growing!

Children will dig deep down into Mini Beasts and Life in the Undergrowth. Give children the 'hands-on' opportunity to explore a variety of topics including **features, life cycles, basic food chains, safe mini beasts and more**. We have a growing collection of safe Mini Beasts (insects and other invertebrates) for observing and, some, for touching, if you're brave.



**FOR MORE FUN WITH BUGS**, consider booking a Sustainability Bundle or Friends of the Earth Package\* and booking 'Mini Beasts' separate to 'Water Bugs'.



### WATER BUGS

We can bring the water bugs to you! Or ... we can meet you at your local waterway!

Dive into the wonderful world of water bugs! This workshop will give children the 'hands-on' opportunity to explore a variety of topics including **features, basic needs, basic food chains, very simple field ecology survey techniques and more**. Like 'real-life Scientists', children will understand the story that water bugs tell us about waterway health and how we can improve the health of our waterways. We can bring the water bugs to you or meet you at your local water way (with additional supervision assistance from your parent helpers).



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### RECYCLING

Set up a simple recycling system and a worm farm for your centre's waste. Children will have the 'hands-on' opportunity to 'sort the recycling from the rubbish' while learning more about **recycling and the 3Rs**. Children will also observe some **compost critters** and understand the important role that they play in composting our organic waste and soil health. Empower your children to manage their waste.



**CONSIDER BOOKING A** Sustainability Bundle or Friends of the Earth Package\* and following up with 'Compostasaur'.



### COMPOSTASAURS

Set up a worm farm for organic waste! Give children the opportunity to 'get their hands dirty' while exploring the simple science and fun of **composting**. Discuss **compost critters** and understand the important role that they play in composting organic waste and soil health. Empower your children to manage their organic waste. Through **storytelling**, each group will make a 'special stew' and receive a '**cool composting experiment**' to keep and observe over a few weeks.



**CONSIDER BOOKING A** Sustainability Bundle or Friends of the Earth Package\* and doing 'Recycling' first.



### MAGIC GARDENS

Plant a Magic Garden at your centre! Through storytelling, children will have the 'hands-on' opportunity to explore topics including **fruit vs vegetable, parts of a plant, how plants grow, basic needs and more**. Each child will plant a magic seed and watch it grow over the next few weeks. It's each child's responsibility to ensure it grows.



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### EARTH'S ENERGY

Feel the energy! Through **dance and movement** and 'hands-on' **experiments**, children will make different types of energy and learn where it comes from. Children will learn why we need to conserve energy and preserve our resources so we have enough for all, forever. Each group will conduct an '**excellent energy experiment**' to keep and enjoy.



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