

Outdoor Learning with Nature Play SA

Our vision is to inspire the South Australian community to strengthen their connection with nature through outdoor learning, play, and conservation.

Nature Play SA is a not-for-profit organisation powered by a team of educators, leaders, and passionate agents of change. We run community events, grassroots programs, and work extensively across school communities including early and primary years, high school and OSHC.

Our education program consists of whole school outdoor learning days; incursions and excursions; professional development; teaching resources; and products that support outdoor learning and play.



Nature Play

Whole School Outdoor Learning Days, Incursions, and Excursions

Our outdoor learning education programs are tailored to suit children at all stages of learning and align with the Early Years Learning Framework and Australian Curriculum.



WHOLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR LEARNING DAYS

Our whole school outdoor learning days are a series of nature-inspired experiences that invite children to be curious, creative, playful, resilient, nurturing, and develop a strong sense of agency and community. Numeracy and literacy are embedded throughout, whilst days can be tailored to include educational art and craft around local flora and fauna, geocaching, interactive biodiversity talks/walks and experimenting with nature-derived textures.

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INCURSIONS

Delivered through storytelling and play, our nature-based incursions support children's creativity, imagination, problem solving and critical thinking. Using the natural world as our provocation, students learn about human-nature connection, conservation and sustainability exploring curriculum connections. Applicable to primary and early years, OSHC groups, playgroups and settings that engage children.

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EXCURSIONS

We offer a range of tailored and location-specific excursions. In Belair National Park our cubby building excursion has students use natural, open-ended resources to problem solve, design, prototype, and construct cubbies. It also incorporates educational content about endangered Southern Borwn Bandicoots. At Wittunga Botanic Gardens our Early Learners Go Wild excursion is play-based learning through storytelling, sensory experiences, and creative expression.

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REGIONAL OFFERINGS

Our programs can be delivered in regional areas across South Australia. Costs are determined based on travel, accommodation and other costs associated with regional program delivery. Our regional trips are best coupled with professional development and other tailored sessions to make the most of our team's influence and expertise.





To enquire, email us at schools@natureplaysa.org.au
or for more information on our offerings see natureplaysa.org.au

Professional Development and Teaching Resources

Our professional development and teaching resources are focussed on building the capacity and confidence of educators across SA to incorporate outdoor learning into their pedagogical practice.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

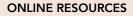
Our offerings explore outdoor learning and curriculum connections, wellbeing, the link between innovation, STEM and nature as well as practical skills to develop confidence and competency. Information sessions can also be offered to parents. All sessions can be tailored to suit specific needs and regional options are available.

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MAILING LIST

Our email list provides educators with the first look at new resources, professional development opportunities, blogs, and ideas for incorporating nature play, outdoor learning, and wellbeing into teaching and learning.

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We have a range of accessible online resources that support the Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework. Resources cover outdoor learning, play, wellbeing, local South Australian flora and fauna, ideas and inspiration to enhance pedagogical practice and provide the best learning environment possible.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

We are recognised as a Professional Association within South Australia. Our membership program provides educators with access to member only resources, discounts on incursions, excursions, professional development, and outdoor learning products.

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Products for Outdoor Learning and Play

Our products can support learning outcomes for educators and children across a range of outdoor learning and play settings.

SHOP OUR RANGE



WATERPROOF ONESIES/ PLAY SUITS

Experience the benefits of wet weather through play and outdoor learning. Available in 3 colours and 5 sizes. Discounts apply for classroom sets and bulk orders.



WHITTLING KNIVES AND WHITTLING PEELERS

Whittling knives and peelers are ideal for learning new skills and techniques with concentration, patience and risk assessment.



MORTAR AND PESTLE

An ideal learning tool for creativity, imagination, fine motor skills, and sensory play. Ice, flowers, herbs, leaves and dirt can be used to create textures and aromas.



STICK-LETS ®

A STEM tool for imagination and building structures with natural materials. Ideal for cubbies, storytelling, gardening, and classroom projects.



40 KNOTS AND HOW TO TIE THEM

A practical step-by-step guide on how to tie 40 different knots featuring illustrations. Great for fine motor skills and dexterity.



TREASURE TRAYS

Children can share and collect natural curiosities and discoveries with their peers with these treasure box displays. A sliding magnifier provides a different perspective.



WHERE BIRDS SING AND WILDFLOWERS DANCE

Learn about your local flora and fauna through this illustrated compendium featuring poetry, photography, and ideas to connect with nature and improve wellbeing.



DUAL MAGNIFIER -SHATTERPROOF

The dual magnifier supports learners examine nature including plants and insects, with shatterproof lenses of 5x and 10x magnification.



WOODEN PLAY CUPS

These hand carved wooden cups support sensory and imaginative play as they can be used inside and out. A versatile addition to outdoor learning and play.

