

The Sustainable Living Festival is a celebration and showcase of leading examples of sustainable living in Australia, drawing together a wide variety of displays, exhibits, artworks, performances, talks and interactive sessions to inspire a sustainable culture. Friday of the Festival is Education Day, where activities are specifically designed for primary, middle and senior aged students.



sustainablelivingfestival

federation square, melbourne



Secondary School Application Form

The Sustainable Living Festival invites school groups from across the State to be a part of Education Day (Friday 20 February 2009). Celebrating its tenth year, the Sustainable Living Festival (20-22 February) will be held at the iconic landmark – Federation Square.

This is an interactive fun filled day for school students from years 4 to 11. Students and their teachers are invited to partake in a series of interactive workshops and forums.

All students and teachers registered for Education Day will meet at 9:00am in the main square at Federation Square where they will begin their day partaking in a Welcome to Country ceremony at the Festival launch. After the ceremony the students will partake in their allocated series of interactive workshops and forums.

Education Day – Friday 20th February, 9:00 – 2:30

9:00- 9:30	Schools to check in with the Education Day team
9:30-10:20	Welcome to Country and Opening Ceremony
10:30-11:15	Session 1
11:30-12:15	Secondary Student Debating session
12:15-12:50	Rubbish Free Lunch
1:00-2:00	Session 2
2:00-2:30	Closing Celebrations

To book a place for your school, please return this application form (per group of 30 students attending) to the Education Day Team at VAAE. You will be contacted with confirmation of your place. Be quick as there are limited places available!

Booking and enquiries: Victorian Association of Environmental Education (VAEE)
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Secondary School Application Form (Page 1)

SCHOOL DETAILS	
Name of School	
School Address	
Contact Name <small>for this application</small>	
Telephone Number <small>for contact regarding this application</small>	
Email Address <small>for contact regarding this application</small>	

ATTENDANCE DETAILS	
Teacher Name/s <small>who will be attending on the day</small>	
Mobile Number <small>for contact on the day</small>	
Year level of students attending	
Number of students attending <small>up to 30 students is preferred</small>	

Applications and student numbers

You may wish to fill out an application form for more than one group of students. However, the Education Day Program has a limited number of places. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs and ensure your school receives confirmation of attendance. Applications do not guarantee confirmation.



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Education Day has a wide range of activities running for the students to attend. The Opening Ceremony and Closing Celebrations are for both Primary and Secondary students to attend as a group. The Debating session is for Secondary students only. Session 1 and 2 activities are tailored for each group and are more interactive. Have a look through the available sessions and circle your group's preferences below. Every consideration will be made to accommodate your preference.

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CHOOSE A PROGRAM

Circle several activities if you have more than one preference. Your group will be assigned a session based upon availability.

<p>Session 1 10.30 am – 12.15 pm</p>	<p>A The Storytelling Garden</p> <p>B Be different, Live different, Buy different!</p> <p>C Cool Cycling to School Tips</p> <p>D Traditional African Food</p> <p>E Traditional Indigenous Games</p> <p>F Yoga for Young People</p> <p>G Permaculture Adventures</p> <p>H Recycle and Reuse – Sustainable Art</p> <p>I Interactive Sustainability</p>
<p>Session 2 1.00pm – 2.00 pm</p>	<p>A Climate Change: What can we do about it?</p> <p>B Young People, Media and the Environment</p> <p>C Fairtrade Forum</p> <p>D Tastes of the Bush</p> <p>E Interactive Sustainability</p> <p>F Roam the Festival</p>



Secondary School Sessions

SESSION 1	
A	<p>The Storytelling Garden</p> <p>hosted by The Storytelling Garden</p> <p>Storytelling is how we frame and contextualise our experiences and the way in which we share the tales of our lives, history and culture. Listening, speaking and memory skills are developed through storytelling. Come along and be enthralled by JB, Gael, Jackie and Matteo as they weave stories of insight around the environment and social changes.</p>
B	<p>Be different, Live different, Buy different!</p> <p>hosted by Ethical Consumer Group</p> <p>CDs. Fast Food. Jeans. Basketball shoes. What's not to like about stuff? The stuff we buy keeps us fed, clothed, and entertained. But did you know that everything we buy has an impact on the Earth? How much do you really know about where your food comes from? What about your clothes, CDs, notebooks? What's the hidden connection between your mobile phone and a gorilla in Africa? Come take a closer look at the life story of your everyday stuff, and explore how you can 'be the difference' by 'buying different!'</p>
C	<p>Cool Cycling to School Tips</p> <p>hosted by Cycling Promotion Fund</p> <p>Cycling to school is good for the environment, it's fun, reduces cars around schools and is an easy way to build activity into every day life. This workshop will provide practical tips for secondary school children on how to be a safe rider, how to be seen, how to carry gear and how to look after the bicycle.</p>
D	<p>Traditional African Food</p> <p>hosted by Sorghum Sisters</p> <p>The Sorghum Sisters will demonstrate how to make the traditional bread from the Horn of Africa, Injera. Injera is made from Sorghum flour and is a staple food eaten with traditional curries. They will show how it is eaten traditionally and how they have developed the Injera roll, a modern-variation.</p>
E	<p>Traditional Indigenous Games</p> <p>hosted by Department of Planning and Community Development, Sport and Recreation Victoria</p> <p>Traditional Indigenous Games is a selection of games and activities from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies all around Australia. It provides an opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Indigenous culture. Indigenous games and activities have a rich history as some were recorded by explorers, government officials, settlers, scientists and missionaries in the nineteenth century. They have also been passed down through generations by Indigenous Australians.</p>



F	<p>Yoga for Young People hosted by Yoga in Daily Life</p> <p>A fun experience to introduce yoga to young people. Yoga is one of the few non-competitive activities young people can participate in. Helps build self-esteem and confidence, increases concentration and focus, and encourages the imagination and creativity. Yoga also promotes body awareness, develops co-ordination and much more.</p>
G	<p>Permaculture Adventures hosted by SouthernCross Permaculture Institute</p> <p>Designed specifically for school groups, this workshop will take students on a permaculture adventure. Students will discover the secrets of the Festival's on-site permaculture garden, and have the opportunity to pot up a seed and watch their own native plant grow at home!</p>
H	<p>Recycle and Reuse – Sustainable Art hosted by Purple Dog Leadlighting & Mosaics</p> <p>Mosaic is an art form that can and does use many materials that would normally be overlooked. From old plates, tiles, pebbles and buttons right through to bottle caps and metal.</p> <p>Debbie has created a detailed design and will set it up along with various recycled materials for secondary school students help create a mosaic. The design will be drawn and shaded to show where materials need to be placed, and will be the beginnings of a mosaic that will be created across the whole Festival weekend.</p> <p>With Debbie's knowledge as a mosaic teacher she can help students to lay pieces and to see how the finished piece will look. This is also a wonderful way to introduce mosaics to the students and to get them involved in a creative activity that involves using recycled materials.</p>
I	<p>Interactive Sustainability hosted by Pippa Howard</p> <p>Interactive Sustainability is an exciting workshop that will have students exploring what sustainability means, and how it relates to our homes.</p> <p>Using computer software 'My Sust House', students will have a hands-on opportunity to learn about both cutting-edge and traditional approaches to energy saving and renewable energy. A second game will challenge students to build a sustainable new-house from scratch and to a specified budget.</p>

SESSION 2

A	<p>Climate Change: What can we do about it? hosted by The Climate Emergency Network</p> <p>Tailored to Secondary School students, this presentation will inspire students to discover the</p>
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	many positive things we can do about climate change.
B	<p>Young People, Media and the Environment</p> <p>hosted by SYN Media</p> <p>'Young People, Media and the Environment' is a look at how young people can effect change and promote sustainability through the use of the media. Presented by the team who create and present SYN's environmental program Greenlight, this presentation aims to demonstrate how young people can get involved in taking sustainability to the streets. We'll be looking at various forms of media - the internet, community, radio, print, etc - and how to get involved and use them for a good cause. This presentation aims to show young people practical ways they can promote sustainable living in their houses, in their schools and universities and in their communities. We will discuss how you can use media such as the internet and radio to promote sustainable living - and how to get involved in wider environmental movements. There will be examples of successes and how you can help either as an individual or part of a team. This is about young people taking sustainability to the streets - come along and you can learn how!</p>
C	<p>Fairtrade Forum and activities</p> <p>hosted by Fairtrade</p> <p>Have you heard about Fairtrade? Do you know what it is all about? Come along to a discussion about Fairtrade with three panelists involved in Australia's Fairtrade Industry, learn about what they do, why they do it and what they believe is the benefit of choosing Fairtrade. Then choose your team and get active kicking a Fairtrade hacky sack.</p>
D	<p>Tastes of the Bush</p> <p>hosted by Peppermint Ridge Farm</p> <p>Students are invited on a culinary journey to experience the unique tastes and uses of some of Australia's bush foods that they can grow in their own backyards. Julie will prepare Warrigal Greens pesto, lemon myrtle muffins and aniseed myrtle & pear upside down cake for all to taste.</p>
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F	<p>Roam the Festival</p> <p>When booking their school group into Education Day, many secondary school teachers take the opportunity to leave some space for the students to rove the Festival site in the afternoon.</p> <p>The Education Day team has set up a number of opportunities.</p>



	<p>Artplay - Students can visit 'Around the Waterhole', exhibition of Graeme Base's work from a stunning book that visits the waterholes of the world to show us the importance of their survival in our environmentally endangered world. Worksheets available.</p> <p>Birrarung Marr - Students are invited to 'Carry the Message' of sustainability by contributing to this artwork made from recycled junk mail. Students will learn how to make origami birds from the junk mail, contributing to this 1000-bird sculpture. Through this medium, each bird carries a message about sustainability.</p> <p>Ride a bike! - Come along and help power the Festival at the Future Spark trailer, decked out with bikes and solar panels to generate the power that goes to the grid. This trailer will be located at the end of the Festival along Birrarung Marr, near the bike valet.</p> <p>Create! - Students can contribute to the beginnings of a mosaic that will be created across the whole Festival weekend.</p> <p>Across the Festival - The Festival's 'Green Umbrella' tour will give students the opportunity to see the potential environmental impacts of running an event such as this, and how the SLF reduces these impacts. Students will learn about greenpower, human-powered energy generation, and the Festival's very own 'Wash against Waste'. Worksheets available for this self-guided tour.</p> <p>Over 100 exhibitors will also be on site throughout the Festival, with a range of innovations to capture students' imaginations.</p>
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Application details

Applications will close Friday 13th February 2009 or when capacity is reached. Schools will receive confirmation of their application on this date. Each school will receive their Education Day pack including their allocated program on Tuesday 17th February 2009.

Form submission

Please fax your completed form to the Education Day Team on **9349 5758** or email to vaee@vaee.vic.edu.au.

For any information, please ring VAEE: **03 9349 1806**