

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



## Primary 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 20<sup>th</sup> February, 9:00 – 2:30

<b>9:00- 9:30</b>	Schools to check in with the Education Day team
<b>9:30-10:20</b>	Welcome to Country and Opening Ceremony
<b>10:30-11:15</b>	Primary school's presentation
<b>11:30-12:15</b>	Session 1
<b>12:15-12:50</b>	Rubbish Free Lunch
<b>1:00-2:00</b>	Session 2
<b>2:00-2:30</b>	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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## Primary 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.



### Primary School Application Form (Page 2)

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 Primary student special workshop is for Primary 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><b>Session 1</b> 11.30 am – 12.15 pm</p>	<p><b>A</b> Composting and Worms  <b>B</b> How Much Can a Polar Bear?  <b>C</b> Cool Cycling to School Tips  <b>D</b> Eat Fresh: A sustainable and healthy choice  <b>E</b> Traditional Indigenous Games  <b>F</b> The Storytelling Garden  <b>G</b> Permaculture Adventures  <b>H</b> Make a Mosaic  <b>I</b> Interactive Sustainability</p>
<p><b>Session 2</b> 1.00pm – 2.00 pm</p>	<p><b>A</b> Short Films  <b>B</b> Roam the Festival</p>



Primary School Sessions

SESSION 1	
<b>A</b>	<p><b>Composting and Worms</b></p> <p>hosted by   Nillumbik Shire Council, Edendale Environmental Education</p> <p>This activity focuses on reducing waste to landfill by encouraging students to compost and worm farm their organic waste. Students are introduced to some minibeasts, specifically worms and how they help to reduce waste to landfill by recycling food and garden scraps. Students get to hold a worm, see a worm egg sac and find out about its lifecycle.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>How Much Can a Polar Bear? A voyage from suburban Melbourne to the Arctic</b></p> <p>hosted by   Maeva Elliott</p> <p>When first hearing about ice cap melting and polar bears drowning in 2006, Peter and Maeva Elliott broke the piggy-bank, bought a boat and went to see for themselves, as one does. They went through storms and ran aground. They tried fishing and survived on beans. They got sea-sick and lived in the same clothes for weeks. But in true Aussie spirit, during the Northern Hemisphere summer of 2008, they made the first East-West transit of the fabled Northwest Passage by an Australian crew. Along the way, they saw polar bears, walrus and all the Arctic animals they remembered from their childhood picture books. They talked to Inuit hunters, community leaders and scientists, and lost track of time in the Midnight Sun. They also witnessed one of the biggest ice melts ever recorded in the Arctic. This is an opportunity to see the amazing pictures they brought back from their journey and hear the story of two adventurers who could be your neighbours. The Elliotts will talk about ice and the impact of global warming on the Arctic.</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><b>Cool Cycling to School Tips</b></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 primary 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>
<b>D</b>	<p><b>Eat Fresh: A sustainable and healthy choice</b></p> <p>hosted by   Vegan Revolution</p> <p>A tasty way to learn how eating fresh, uncooked and unprocessed whole foods can help our health and the environment. Students will be invited to sample delicious recipes such as chocolate brownies and ice cream made only from fruits and nuts. Free recipes and samples available.</p>
<b>E</b>	<p><b>Traditional Indigenous Games</b></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,</p>



	<p>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 generation by Indigenous Australians.</p>
F	<p><b>The Storytelling Garden</b> 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>
G	<p><b>Permaculture Adventures</b> 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><b>Make a Mosaic</b> hosted by   Purple Dog Leadlighting &amp; 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 primary school students help create a mosaic. The design will be drawn and shaded to show where materials need to be placed. Students will be asked to bring in a small matchbox sized object/toy to contribute to a small mosaic that your school will be able to keep after the Festival.</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><b>Interactive Sustainability</b> 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	
<b>A</b>	<p><b>Short Films</b></p> <p>hosted by   ACMI</p> <p>A selection of short films on sustainability in ACMI cinema. An annual favourite at the Festival.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><b>Roam the Festival</b></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 oppotunities.</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 scultpture. 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>

## Application details

Applications will close Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

## Form submission

Please fax your completed form to the Education Day Team on **9349 5758** or email to [vaee@vae.vic.edu.au](mailto:vaae@vae.vic.edu.au).

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