

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

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A comprehensive plastic reduction program for educational institutions in Australasia

Would you like to prevent plastic pollution in the marine environment by working towards phasing out *single use plastic* from your school over 12 months? Plastic Oceans Australasia in conjunction with their partners and supporters, have created a multi-level awareness program that equips primary and secondary students with the knowledge and tools to change behaviour in their school and surrounding schools in the area.

We invite your educational institution to join this initiative!

What is the program?

The Plastic Oceans Australasia Education Program equips primary and high school students with the knowledge and skills to drive public awareness about the global plastic problem. The under 18s have the influence to change consumer behaviour in households, communities and within peer groups.

Plastic Oceans Australasia is based in Melbourne, Australia and works throughout the region to change the way we deal with plastic waste by challenging society's perception that this indestructible substance can be treated as 'disposable'. We provide educational resources about the conservation, improvement, and protection of the physical and natural environment from plastic waste. Our Education Program is targeted for children from 7 – 17 years of age and is available and accessible online in webinars and presentation format with a POA teacher/facilitator for schools and businesses to help deliver meaningful information in an enjoyable way.

Split into two packages

Theory Modules - We have designed education materials that cover the issues of plastic from its inception, to use and disposal, and the impact this has on our oceans. These materials have been developed into lesson plans across three age groups (5-7, 7-11 and 11-16) and subjects including Biology, Chemistry Physics, English, Geography, Maths and Design Technology. Each lesson is ready to be included in teachers' day-to-day duties with the purpose of simply being picked up and inserted into the schools' curriculum. For teachers, these materials align with national and state specific curriculum achievement standards and general capabilities. We have taken the work of documenting this alignment off your hands, with this key information included in the program package.

Schools' Challenge - We are calling on schools to form a student team who work to phase out single use plastics from their campus. This practical component begins with gaining understanding of the plastic problem at the school, developing waste reduction projects, and then phasing out plastic products. Students will undertake a learning journey that produces huge benefits for our environment. This is a student-led initiative that receives support from the POA team for 12 months. The program demonstrates the need to work together to make a global wave of change with our daily habits. Students can receive individual and team recognition by achieving the 12-month goals. Awards, certificates, and other leadership opportunities are on offer to the school participants.

For further information please contact our Education Team at: education@plasticoceans.org.au

To enrol your educational institution, visit our Education Program webpage at:
<http://www.plasticoceans.org.au/edu-program-detail>

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to reduce single use plastic pollution in 2022.