

Bush Ranger Cadet Environmental Education Program

By successfully implementing Bushranger Cadets into our schools we are leading change to implement Sustainability Education, one of three cross curriculum priorities of the Australian Curriculum. The knowledge being gained through environmental education and action learning in real world issues allows our students the opportunity to connect with the community and instigate change. The students participate as active citizens by undertaking cooperative action to protect and enhance their environment and be instrumental in building a sustainable future through school programs policies and processes.

Through capacity building skills we have forged links, relationships and partnerships with the local councils, University researchers, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Peel Harvey Catchment Council, Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), Australian Conservancy (ACC), *fishRecwest*, Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB), Estuary Guardians, Mandurah Heritage and Environment Group, Wastewise, amateur ornithologists and entomologists as well as Indigenous involvement and consultation with Indigenous Ranger Groups. These relationships increase the reliability of our monitoring data, create opportunities for cadets to work with scientists, and continue to showcase public education and our commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Financial support from Cadets WA, (Department of Local Government and Communities) allows participation of students; irrelevant of socioeconomic status and location; to participate in experiential learning and adventurous activities in the natural environment.



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