

Encounters Program – Indigenous Plants, Culture & Identity

Encounters engages students in the natural environment and promotes connection with First Nations culture and creative self-expression through art.

Program Details

Student learning will be delivered by Indigenous educator Rebecca Robinson (Bunurong / Trawlwoolway) outdoors in the beautifully preserved bushland at McClelland and the Sarah & Baillieu Myer Education Pavilion.

The content of this program is based on flora, fauna, and culture relevant to Bunurong Country and People and reflects upon the sustainable, historical and ongoing Traditional Custodianship of the land and waters where McClelland is based.

Indigenous culture varies greatly around all of Australia, especially art. McClelland's Encounters program will give students an insight into how broad Indigenous art and culture are and reflect upon the diversity of First Nations. This will stimulate thought and inspire participants to broaden their perceptions of 'what is Indigenous' whilst encouraging them to take pride in their own identity.

Students will be inspired by how amazing nature is, the landscape and sculptures and be guided how to make their own unique, contemporary paper collage celebrating Indigenous knowledge and plants.

Key Learnings:

- 🌀 Learn about Indigenous (original / local) plants directly on site at McClelland and how they are used in First Nations living.
- 🌀 Discover and learn about edible, medicinal and tool plants that have been used for thousands of years.
- 🌀 Hear about Bunurong history and ways of living before colonisation.
- 🌀 Gain understanding that First Nations People and Culture can be traditional, contemporary, complex, and diverse across Australia.

What to Expect

The program will comprise of a tour of McClelland's bushland and sculptures where students will experience immense sculptural artwork inspired by nature, discover the amazing properties of plants Indigenous to the area and hear about the Bunurong People's connection to the land historically and today.

Students will also participate in an art workshop where they create their own contemporary artwork inspired by First Nations connections with the land.

Curriculum Links

While visiting McClelland, students will initiate or deepen connections with The Arts, Environment, Indigenous Histories and Culture, Science, and local community.

This program directly supports the following curriculum areas:

△ **Cross-curriculum Priorities: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Histories & Cultures**

Country/Place (OI.1, OI.2 OI.3), Culture (OI.4, OI.5, OI.6), People (OI.7, OI.8, OI.9)

△ **The Arts:** Provides engaging and thought-provoking contexts in which to explore the nature of art making and responding

△ **Visual Arts:** making and appreciating

△ **Creative and Critical Thinking**

Cost and Number of Students

This program is generously supported by the Crown and Packer Family Foundations. This allows us to offer a reduced cost of \$5 per student and \$3 for schools located in Frankston City Council and City of Casey areas.

The program allows for booking one to two groups (up to 30 students per group). Booking for three groups can be arranged but program and times may differ.

Dates and Times

Program is held Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and runs for 1-2.5 hours with a break.

Times can be adjusted for travel, just get in touch with our Learning & Programs team.

<i>Example:</i>	9.30am-10.00am	Arrival and preparations as needed (gates open 9.30am)
(2 groups)	10.00am	Introductions and Acknowledgement of Country
	10.10am-11.00am	Class 1 , Encounters Program (outdoor walk & art workshop)
		Class 2 , guided park / gallery tour or self-guided tour
	(20min break/changeover)	
	11.20am-12.10pm	Class 2 , Encounters Program (outdoor walk & art workshop)
		Class 1 , guided park / gallery tour or self-guided tour

Following the program, you are welcome to organise lunch in the park with your students and continue a self-guided exploration of the grounds and exhibitions.



Please note that this program will comply strictly with current Victorian public health advice. If excursions are not able to take place due to restrictions, part of the program can be delivered as an online module.

To book the program, please complete and return the booking form below or contact us at education@mcclellandgallery.com

Learning Program – Booking Form
Group Name (or organisation):
Name/Role of the Teacher/Organiser:
Email address:
Email address for invoice (if different)
Phone:
Number of students and Year/Age:
Number of teachers and chaperones:
Preferred start time:
Preferred Date 1:
Preferred Date 2:
Comments / Requests:

Thank you, the Learning & Programs Team will contact you shortly.

To be completed by McClelland Learning & Programs Team
Program:
Schedule:
Cost:
Invoice preference (on the day/after the excursion):
Facilitators:
Confirmation email sent on/...../202....