



# Kings Park Education

**PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROGRAMS 2026**





**STEM**

## Tuart Treehouse

Who lives here?

### **YEARS K - PP (60 MINUTES)**

Nestled in the Banksia Woodland is a Tuart Treehouse, “not the sort of treehouse you might think, for a human, with a ladder and a floor and a big fluffy doona. This is a tree that is a house... for lots and lots of different animals.”

Be immersed in the story of The Tuart Treehouse Picnic and discover which residents call the Tuart tree their home. Dress as a character from the story and engage your senses while investigating the basic needs of the animals that live in this treehouse. What will you find for the Tuart Treehouse Picnic?

## Nature Boat Building

STEM in the outdoors

### **YEARS K - 1 (60 MINUTES)**

Investigate the Kooyer Kep Wetland (Frog Water) and the plants and animals that live in and around it. Share a Kings Park story about friendship, cooperation and science. Make observations on sinking and floating. Work in a team to design, build and test a boat using various natural materials.



## Habitats Uncovered

Discover living things and habitats

### **YEARS PP - 1 (60 MINUTES)**

A student-centred exploration of a Banksia Woodland ecosystem. Search for, observe and share findings about the plants and animals that call Kings Park home. Different habitats are explored, the basic needs of living things discussed and the external features of plants and animals identified. Leave the bush considering what you can do to help protect your local environment.

## Brilliant Botanists

Plant structures and life cycles

### **YEARS 2 - 3 (60 MINUTES)**

An engaging journey into the world of plants. Be a botanist for the day; explore, classify and observe plants close-up. Make the connection from seed to adult plant and discover the importance of germination, photosynthesis and pollination. In small groups, use horticultural techniques to learn how to propagate Western Australian natives.

## Amazing Adaptations

Survive and thrive

### **YEAR 5 (60 OR 90 MINUTES)**

A multi sensory learning experience to discover the structural features and unique behavioural adaptations of some of Western Australia's most interesting flora. Learn fascinating ways plants have adapted to survive in their environment, including plants with built-in sunblock and smelly oils, as well as strategies for bushfire survival.

# Living Wetlands

Lifecycles of the wetland

## **YEARS 2 - 3 (60 MINUTES)**

Immerse yourself in the Kings Park Kooyer Kep to discover the life stages of animals and insects of the freshwater wetland. Pond dip for macro-invertebrates and group according to their characteristics. Students put their questioning skills into practice as they classify the macro-invertebrates using an identification key. Consider how freshwater wetlands can be cared for.

# Producers, Consumers and Decomposers

Food chains of the wetland

## **YEAR 4 (60 MINUTES)**

Discover the producers, consumers and decomposers of the Kings Park Kooyer Kep and their roles within the freshwater wetland ecosystem. Pond dip for macro-invertebrates, use identification keys and record findings to understand how they interact within the wetland. Build food chains and make predictions about the health of the wetland.

# Health of a Wetland

Monitor and assess a wetland ecosystem

## **YEARS 5 - 6 (90 MINUTES)**

Wetlands are special places. The growth and survival of living things in a freshwater ecosystem are affected by the changing conditions of the environment. Explore the biodiversity of the Kings Park Kooyer Kep wetland, pond dipping for macro-invertebrates and analysing their sensitivity scale. Engage in scientific sampling techniques, collecting abiotic data of the water and surrounding environment, to evaluate the health of the wetland ecosystem. Discuss why monitoring the health of our waterways is important and the factors which may affect water quality.

# Future Keepers

Action stations – biodiversity under threat

## **YEAR 6 (90 MINUTES)**

Join us in the call for environmental action to increase civic interest and environmental responsibility. Immersed in the Banksia Woodland, use scientific tools and practices to collect weather and plant phenology data to track changes in climate, contributing to a long-term citizen science project. Students must think like a scientist in a real-world E-STEM challenge to rewild biodiversity in their backyard.

# Bushland Carers

Seed science and conservation techniques

## **YEARS 5 - 6 (90 MINUTES)**

Gain an insight into the life of working conservation scientists. Carry out hands-on activities in the areas of seed science, ecology and plant breeding. Use taxonomy and undertake real-life scientific processes to collect specimens. Learn how to clean and dry seeds for future propagation and press a plant specimen to create a herbarium record. Using a native seed, design a fair test to investigate barriers in germination.

# Playground Innovators

A STEM adventure in design

## **YEARS 4 - 6 (90 MINUTES)**

A fun journey into the world of outdoor play space design. Visit the Poolgarla Family Area, the Ivey Watson Playground and Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park. Explore the principles of play, safety, creativity and teamwork to help design a dream play space.





## Wellbeing

### Tawny and the Bushfire

Actions to stay safe

#### **YEARS K - 2 (60 MINUTES)**

Every summer our bushland is under the threat of fire. This interactive story about a real bushfire in Kings Park is told through the eyes of Tawny Frogmouth. Learn about the effects of fire on our unique Banksia Woodland, what to do if you see a fire and how to assist in the restoration of a burnt bushland. Dress as a Kings Park firefighter and turn on the hoses to water our Banksia Woodland.

### Nature Kid

Active learning and wellbeing in nature

#### **YEARS PP - 3 (60 MINUTES)**

This fun and engaging program is based on the survival scenario of an eight-year-old child, Charlie, who is washed overboard whilst sailing in the Swan River and swims to a deserted riverbank. Kids explore fire, water and wellness in the bush, as they imagine what it would be like to be Charlie marooned on a riverbank.

### Child vs Wild

Bush skills for kids

#### **YEARS 3 - 6 (90 MINUTES)**

The Australian bush is both fragile and harsh. Learn how to protect and respect the natural environment while enjoying and exploring it safely. This introduction to bush skills explores activities such as shelter building, finding drinking water, making damper\* or energy snacks and delivering simple first aid.

\*Fire activities only available in Terms 2 & 3.



### Orienteering

Navigating nature

#### **YEARS 3 - 6 (60 OR 90 MINUTES)**

A great introduction to map reading skills, cardinal points, plant adaptations and working as a team. In small groups, share roles and responsibilities, navigate a series of control points, discover interesting plants and spend time in nature.

### Team Challenge

Interacting with others

#### **YEARS 5-6 (60 OR 90 MINUTES)**

Can your team find the stolen seeds? Students work in small teams to solve a series of team building challenges. For the teams to be successful, they will need to communicate effectively, problem solve, make decisions and actively encourage all team members to contribute.

### End of Year Big Day Out

Race around the park

#### **YEARS 1 - 6**

#### **1 - 3 DECEMBER 2026**

Racers get ready.... It will take teamwork, determination and problem solving to be successful during this fun-filled day. This social end of year event is a large, team-based orienteering activity with multiple stations and challenges. Race area includes Naturescape and Kings Park Education. Classes are welcome to spend the afternoon in Rio Tinto Naturescape Kings Park at the conclusion of the event.





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## Koora Koora

Kaarta Koomba is a significant place

### **YEARS PP – 2 (60 MINUTES)**

Discover how Boorloo, Perth, has changed over time and the names given to places by the Whadjuk Noongar people. Learn about the local custodians, exploring the familial roles in traditional Noongar society and the importance of Kaarta Koomba, Kings Park. Embrace caring for country and consider how your local place can be cared for.

## Walking Together

Sharing katitjin, together and for the future

### **YEARS 3 – 4 (90 MINUTES)**

Discover the significance of Kaarta Koomba, Kings Park, on a guided walk through the spectacular Western Australian Botanic Garden. Discuss how language groups of the Noongar people divide their Country and the ways they are connected to the boodja. Explore the Noongar seasonal calendar and learn how ecological knowledge and traditional care for country can help to create a sustainable future for all.

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## Wardong's Special Day

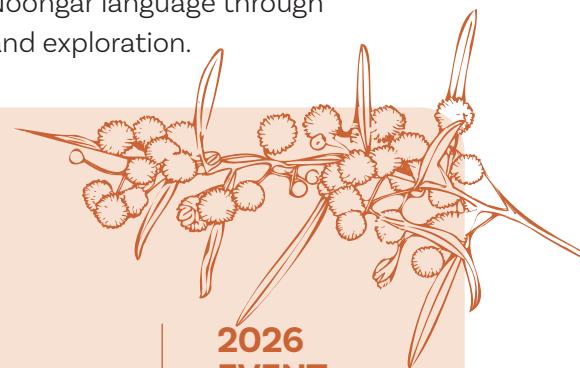
Moorditch Boya

### **YEARS K – PP (60 MINUTES)**

Share a Kings Park story, Moorditch Boya, about Quenda bandicoot and her bushland friends as they enjoy a special birthday. A great introduction to Noongar language through storytelling, art and exploration.



**Cultural Heritage**



**2026  
EVENT DATES**

### **TERM 1 BUNURU**

Tue 31 Mar  
Wed 1 April  
Thur 2 April

### **TERM 2 DJERAN**

Tue 5 May  
Wed 6 May  
Thur 7 May

### **TERM 3 MAKURU**

Tue 28 July  
Wed 29 July  
Thur 30 July

### **DJILBA**

Tues 15 Sept  
Wed 16 Sept  
Thur 17 Sept

### **TERM 4 KAMBARANG & BIRAK**

Tues 3 Nov  
Wed 4 Nov  
Thur 5 Nov

## Noongar Boodja Six Seasons

### **YEARS 1 – 6**

### **3 X 50MIN WORKSHOPS**

Explore the six seasons of Noongar culture to promote sustainability and reconciliation.

Noongar presenters immerse students in the richness of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture through hands-on activities, storytelling, music and dance. Event content varies depending on the season.

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## Professional Learning

### Cultural Perspectives in Education

#### Immersive experience at Kaarta Koomba

Engage with our Aboriginal Education Officer at Kaarta Koomba, Kings Park, to understand Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history. Develop the knowledge and skills to appropriately introduce cultural education into the classroom. Discuss strategies to assist incorporating respectful practices into any learning environment, making planning and programming easy.

Enjoy a walk on country, with a focus on caring for country, botanical knowledge, sustainability and recognition of the continuing connection to place.

### Teacher Retreat

#### Nature for teacher wellbeing

The classroom can be hectic! Spending time in nature is a great way to reduce stress, improve concentration and feel happier. Our education team provide experiences in, with and for nature to develop positive connections, nature pedagogy and increase confidence teaching outdoors.

The day can be tailored to your needs, with opportunities to hone your survival skills (navigation and shelter building), share a story around the fire\*, cook damper and drink billy tea. Visit a bushland site to increase botanical knowledge, identifying plant species, collecting and cleaning seed and making a herbarium specimen.

This immersive workshop is fun, informative and a great opportunity to ask questions about environmental education. Book your next professional learning experience at Kaarta Koomba, Kings Park.

\*Campfires only during Terms 2 & 3.





**Kings Park Education Centre**

## About

King Park Education provides hands-on, exploratory learning experiences in an immersive nature-based setting. Our programs highlight the unique plants, people and places of Western Australia and the role we can all play in a sustainable future.

## Bookings

Bookings are essential for all excursions to Kings Park, including guided and self-guided programs and special events.

For more information on planning your excursion and to book, visit [www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/education](http://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/education)



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