

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Pre-visit Information for Teachers



Please read the following information carefully. It will help to ensure that your visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne runs smoothly, and that you and your students gain the maximum benefit and enjoyment from your time with us.

How to get there

- GPS address: 1161 Ballarto Road, Cranbourne (Junction Village)
- The front entry to the Gardens is at the corner of Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne. 500 metres from the South Gippsland Highway.
- (Melway ref. 133 K10)
- The Australian Garden is approximately 2.5 kilometres from the main entrance.
- There is designated bus parking available near the Australian Garden.

Meeting Point

- The Entry Shelter, Australian Garden Car Park (Melway ref. 133 F10).

Arrival

You will be met by an Education Co-ordinator at the appointed time for your session at the Entry Shelter. To ensure you and your students obtain maximum benefit from your time with us, may we suggest that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointed time to allow for students to visit the toilets and have a snack before beginning the program. There are toilets at the Visitor Centre and near the Kids Backyard. The Woodland Picnic area and Stringybark Picnic Area have toilets, shelter, picnic tables and free gas barbecues.

Care for the Garden

We ask teachers to be aware of student activities at all times and to ensure that damage (either accidental or intentional) does not occur to the assets of the Gardens. We would like your visit to be fun but it needs to be good for the plants too. Please do not pick flowers, damage or remove plants. Please do not walk on garden beds. No feeding of wildlife.

No Rubbish Bins

As there are no rubbish bins at the Gardens, everything that comes in must be taken out. One reason for not having rubbish bins is to prevent the native birds and animals from becoming dependent on visitors for handouts. Eating the types of food that humans eat may affect the health and survival of our indigenous fauna. It is important that you discuss this with students before your visit.

First Aid

As we have no designated sick bay, please be mindful of the ratio of adults to students. Should a student become unwell whilst visiting the Gardens, we can provide a quiet area for students to sit, however they will need to be accompanied by an adult from your group. Teachers are responsible for administering first aid.

Total Fire Bans

Please note that for public safety, the Conservation zone of the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is closed on days of Total Fire Ban. If a Total Fire Ban is declared you may need to reschedule your excursion.

What to wear

The prevailing weather is very much part of the experience at the Gardens. Check the weather forecast in the days leading up to your visit. Bring wet weather gear if necessary. There is limited shelter available if the weather is unfavourable. Students should bring:

1. Covered sturdy shoes/sneakers (which may get a little muddy if we are doing Ponding)
2. Hats and sunscreen
3. Water bottle if we are on an extended walk. Lunch and snack may also be required.
4. Mosquitoes can be a source of annoyance for some people so you may want to pack some repellent
5. Clipboard and pen if you are completing a worksheet

Snakes share these paths

The Gardens are home to several species of snakes.

If you see a snake:

1. Do not approach it
2. Wait for the snake to move off the path
3. Remember snakes are protected animals.

On guided walks our Education staff member will remain at the front of your group.

Self-guided walks

If you are staying on after lunch you may want to take a walk to the Trig Point Lookout which has great views of the Gardens and surrounding areas. Alternatively, the Woodland Picnic area is a 10 minute walk with gas barbecues, toilets and playground facilities. Some self-guided trail notes and activities are available by pre-arrangement with the Education staff.

Preparing for your visit

For more information on the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, please refer to our website www.rbg.vic.gov.au/learn

Contact us

Please contact our Visitor Centre on 5990 2200 if you have any questions regarding your visit.

