

Cranbourne 2021

Pre-visit Teacher Information



How to get there

- GPS address: 1161 Ballarto Road, Cranbourne (Junction Village) (Main Front Entrance)
- The front entry to the Gardens is at the corner of Ballarto Road and Botanic Drive, Cranbourne.
- 500 metres from the South Gippsland Highway.
- The Australian Garden is approximately 2.5 kilometres from the main entrance.
- There is a designated coach drop-off point at the Ian Potter Lakeside Precinct and coach parking available near the Australian Garden in the main car park.

Meeting Point

Ian Potter Lakeside Precinct

On Arrival

To assist us in the efficient and timely delivery of learning programs, please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled program. Late arrival will reduce the length of your program, as the program will finish at the allocated time.

Cancellations

A minimum of 24 hours notification is required for all cancellations. Less than 24 hours notice **will incur full payment of fees.**

Weather

Education sessions may not operate in extreme weather conditions e.g. temperatures over 35°C, very high winds or lightning. We reserve the right to postpone education sessions due to extreme weather.

Total fire bans

Please note that for public safety, the Conservation Zone (bushland area) of the Royal Botanic gardens Victoria at 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

We are an outdoor venue, so please be prepared for the weather conditions anticipated for the day. Students need to be dressed appropriately for outdoor activities, sun hats and sunscreen during warm weather conditions and wet weather clothing if necessary.



Rubbish

Please take rubbish away with you, and use the compost bucket provided for worm food.

First Aid

It is essential that the visiting school have up to date student medical information and carry a complete first aid kit. It is the responsibility of the school and accompanying teachers to provide first aid treatment to students.

Snakes share these paths

The Gardens are home to several species of snakes.

If you see a snake:

- Do not approach it
- Wait for the snake to move off the path
- Remember snakes are protected animals

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

Parent Participation

To ensure the quality and integrity of your program and to minimise distractions during the program we have a **strict limit of eight (8) parents/helpers** participating in the booked program (this does not include your teaching staff). The Victorian Early Years Learning & Development Framework (2016) has a very strong focus on partnerships with families and we therefore encourage additional parents/ helpers to join the group after the program is finished.

Behaviour Management

While specialist RBGV Learning Facilitators have the technical knowledge and expertise to facilitate your program, the visiting teachers have Primary Duty of Care for the behaviour management, safety and welfare of the students.

Aboriginal Cultural Programs

RBGV is committed to creating an environment that respects, recognises and celebrates Koorie history and cultural identity, which is reflected in the Aboriginal cultural programs that we offer. When undertaking one of these programs with our Aboriginal staff, please ensure that your teachers and parents/helpers have a general understanding of local Koorie culture and cross-cultural protocols.

Australia Garden

Some programs spend significant time in the Australia Garden while others do not. Schools having booked a program may spend further time in the Australia Garden outside the program time. We recommend the following adult to student ratio:

Year Level	Ratio
Early Childhood	1:3
Foundation – Year 2	1:5
Year 3 - 12	1:10

Photos

If you are participating in an Aboriginal Cultural Program, please refrain from taking photos or filming the acknowledgement ceremony. This is a special experience that we encourage you to be fully present for. For all other photos of people on the program please request permission from the RBGV staff member beforehand.

Care for the Gardens

Please help us protect the Gardens by observing the Royal Botanic Gardens Regulations: www.rbg.vic.gov.au/about-us/act-and-regulations

Teachers' Kits

Curriculum resources can also be downloaded to assist you with your planning:

<http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/learn/teacher-resources>

Checklist of essentials for students to bring:

- Waste free packed lunch or snack, water bottle
- Please ensure lunches/snacks are stored in secure & sealed containers, birds will take/eat food that is accessible
- Appropriate clothing: comfortable shoes, sun hat & sun screen or wet weather gear

Checklist of essentials for teachers to bring:

- First aid kit
- Large bag to take rubbish back to school – RBGV is committed to promoting and practicing sustainability principles, so we highly recommend bringing in zero packaging and non-renewable waste.