

FAQ for Biology and E+ES teachers programming excursions and depth studies.

What excursions are available for Yr11 students?

- Yr 11 Biology: Module 3 Biological diversity combined with Module 4 Ecosystem dynamics
- Yr 11 earth and environmental Science: Module 4 Human impacts

What is the best time to program the modules that involve an excursion?

Terms 1 and 2 are the best time (from mid-term 2 onwards we are booked with primary schools)

Where do the excursions take place?

The Biology excursion is at the [Sugarloaf \(accessed from Buffalo creek reserve\)](#)

The E+ES excursion is at [Field of Mars EEC and reserve](#)

Can these excursions be used as the basis for a depth study?

Yes, there are two main ways this can happen:

- You can book the excursion to happen while you are teaching the core content which can then inspire, inform and resource a subsequent depth study. OR
- You could also book the excursion to occur during your depth study.
(Either way, the excursion and it's associated pre-work would count for around 6 hours of your depth study time.)

How much do the excursions cost?

\$20 per student (DET) \$30 for non DET students. No GST

What about the tides and the weather?

All the excursion fieldwork takes place at bushland sites (No Mangroves), which are largely exposed to the weather. [Here is an example](#)

On rainy days we can go ahead with the excursion using our ponchos and with some extra shelter tarps but students may not get as much from the experience.

How many students can I bring?

If you have more than 60 students it is advisable to book two excursion dates. Maximum student numbers are by negotiation (usually around 70)

Where can I find the excursion worksheets?

The excursion worksheets will soon be available to download from our [secondary resources page](#)

Are there any resources to help prepare my students for the excursion?

These resources are currently in preparation, they will be available in late term 4 2017

Are there any resources for students to use after the excursion, for their assessments and/or depth studies?

Yes, these are in development and will be available to download from [secondary resources page](#)

Can Biology and E+ES students come on the same excursion?

Not adviseable, with a bit of careful planning you can book a Bio excursion at Buffalo creek site on the same day as a E+ES excursion at the Field of Mars EEC site