



SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

Phillip Island
**NATURE
PARKS**

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*We acknowledge the
Traditional Owners of
the land on which we
live, work and learn, the
Bunurong. We pay our
respects to their Elders
past and present.*



Yannin nerlingo!

Come along!

Connect with nature in the diverse environments of Millowl (Phillip Island). School excursions at the Nature Parks are an opportunity for students and teachers to enjoy iconic wildlife and learn about world-leading conservation and research.

Choose a self-guided excursion to our award-winning ecotourism attractions: The Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island Heritage Farm and the Nobbies Centre.

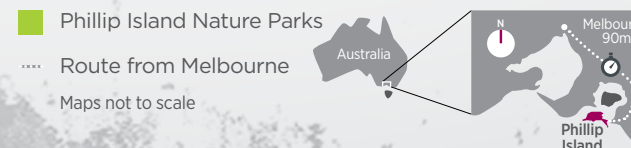
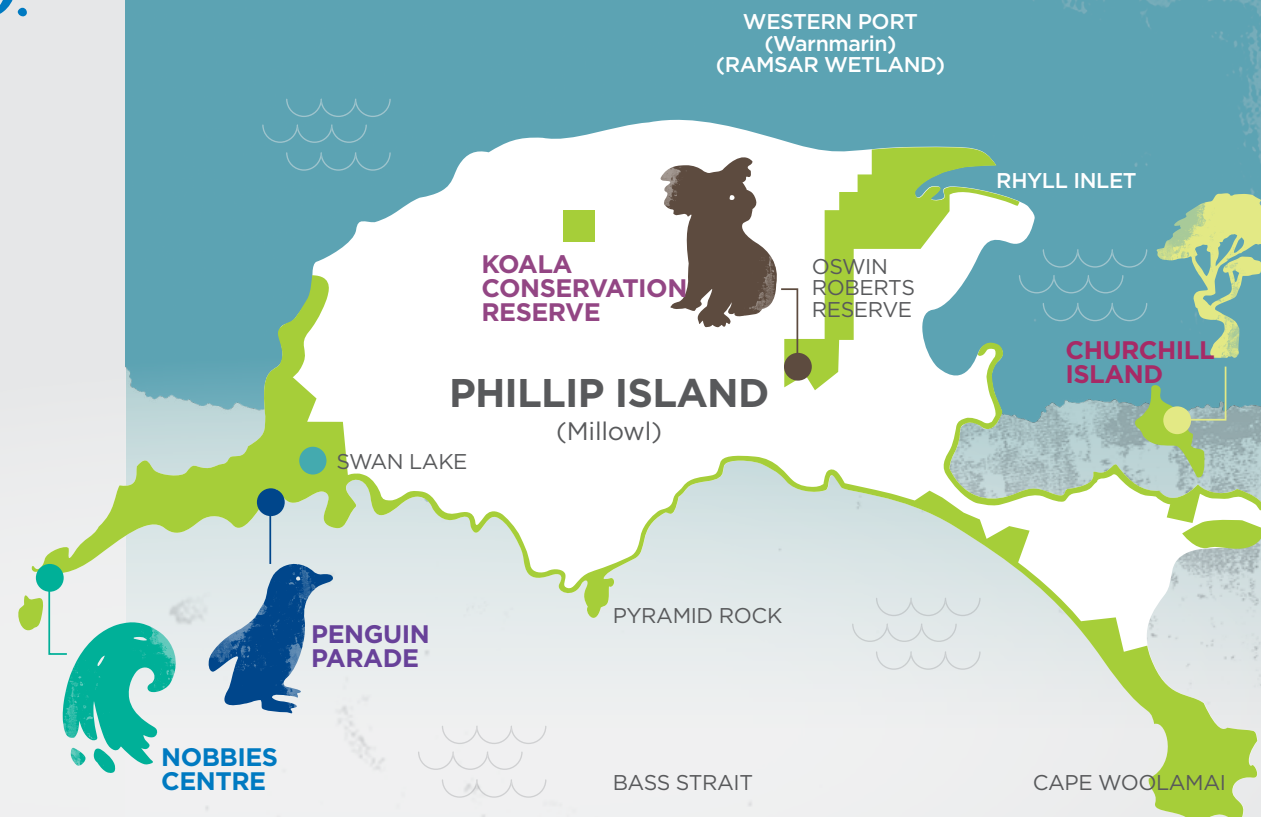
Through our diverse range of Victorian Curriculum linked learning resources and guided educational tours, excursions support learning outcomes across primary, secondary and VCE year levels.

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SELF-GUIDED JOURNEYS

Explore the Nature Parks award winning ecotourism attractions at your own pace.

Our Reservations team can assist teachers booking a single day excursion, or for camping groups or a multiple day adventure.

For all excursion inquiries please include the attractions of interest, preferred time and date, year level and number of students and adults wishing to attend.

Access the Nature Parks [excursion planning documents](#).



LEARNING RESOURCES

Download curriculum linked resources for diverse learning styles.

Learning resources are available for all attractions and are designed for use before, during and after your visit.

DOWNLOAD

Click the button to discover free resources, specific to Primary, Secondary and VCE year levels.

ADMISSION PRICES

FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

Schools and Tertiary (discounted rates)

ATTRACTION	P-Year 10	Year 11-12, Tertiary & Adult
Penguin Parade (General Viewing)	\$12.00	\$24.00
Koala Conservation Centre	\$6.00	\$12.00
Churchill Island Heritage Farm	\$6.00	\$12.00
3 Park Pass includes Penguins Parade - General Viewing, Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island	\$20.40	\$40.80
Primary/Secondary groups free of charge (FOC) ratio	1 FOC adult ticket for teachers for every 10 students, with a minimum of 2 FOC adult tickets for any group.	
Specialist schools	FOC as required	
Tertiary FOC	1 FOC adult ticket for teachers for every 15 students.	

GUIDED TOURS

Educational tours are available in addition to Penguin Parade General Viewing and General Admission at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

Duration:	1hr
Year levels:	All

LITTLE PENGUIN TOUR

KOALA CONSERVATION TOUR

KOALA SPOTLIGHT TOUR



PENGUIN PARADE

Education groups are invited to experience this spectacular natural phenomenon. Explore the visitor centre before making your way through penguin habitat to the beach. Then enjoy the magic of watching these amazing seabirds waddle from the ocean to their burrows.

Penguins come ashore around sunset every evening. For Penguin Parade General Viewing, all groups must arrive at least one hour prior to penguin arrival.

Download our **penguin arrival calendar** for estimated time.

LITTLE PENGUIN TOUR

Add a guided experience to your visit.

Take a journey through the little penguins' natural habitat to learn about their tough lives. Students will get hands-on with some of the research tools and processes we use to understand and conserve wild penguins. Students are empowered to take action to help protect penguins and other marine animals by understanding the threats they face and positive actions we can take.

Duration:	1hr
Available:	Monday–Thursday during Victorian School Term
Location:	Penguin Parade Visitor Centre
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$8.00 per student (plus Penguin Parade General Viewing)
Minimum cost:	\$160.00 (plus Penguin Parade General Viewing)
Maximum students per session:	55
Session time:	See booking confirmation. Tours commence approximately 2hr prior to penguin arrival.

VCE Students

Click to download [Balancing Tourism and the Environment Resource & Workbook](#).

Learning Opportunities

- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
- Threats: natural and human
- Biodiversity

KOALA CONSERVATION RESERVE

Education groups can explore the biodiverse remnant eucalypt forest, discovering koalas, other bushland species and their unique features, adaptations and requirements.

The reserve is open daily from 10am.

KOALA CONSERVATION TOUR

Add a guided experience to your visit.

Gurrborra is the Bunurong name for koala. Understanding this unique marsupial is important as we protect habitat and create sustainable futures. View koalas from our tree-top boardwalks in semi-wild enclosures. Students will learn about specialised features, adaptations, life cycles and the conservation of bushland biodiversity.

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Minimum Cost:	\$160.00 (plus General Admission to the Koala Conservation Reserve)
Maximum students per session:	55
Session Time:	2:00pm AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) 1:00pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Available as a Koala Spotlight Tour; an evening experience commencing at sunset available on Tuesday and Thursday.

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CHURCHILL ISLAND HERITAGE FARM

Come on an adventure through time at Churchill Island.

Consider the seasonal connections the Bunurong have with the area and discover the heritage houses and lifestyles of the farming families who have lived on this remarkable island since the 1800s. Enjoy gorgeous gardens around the heritage precinct and meet our friendly farm animals.

Churchill Island is open daily from 10am.

Free Daily Farm Activities

Blacksmithing:	10:30am
Cow milking:	2:10pm
Working dogs:	2:45pm
Whip cracking:	3:00pm

Teacher Cue Cards for Self-Guided Tours

Download this practical guide to prompt students to consider continuity and change as they compare their own lifestyles with the past.

Learning Opportunities

- Sustainability
- Growing food for survival
- Significant places and environments
- Farm animals
- Heritage farming
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- European exploration and settlement



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