



SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

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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.

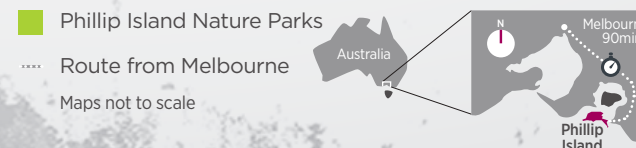
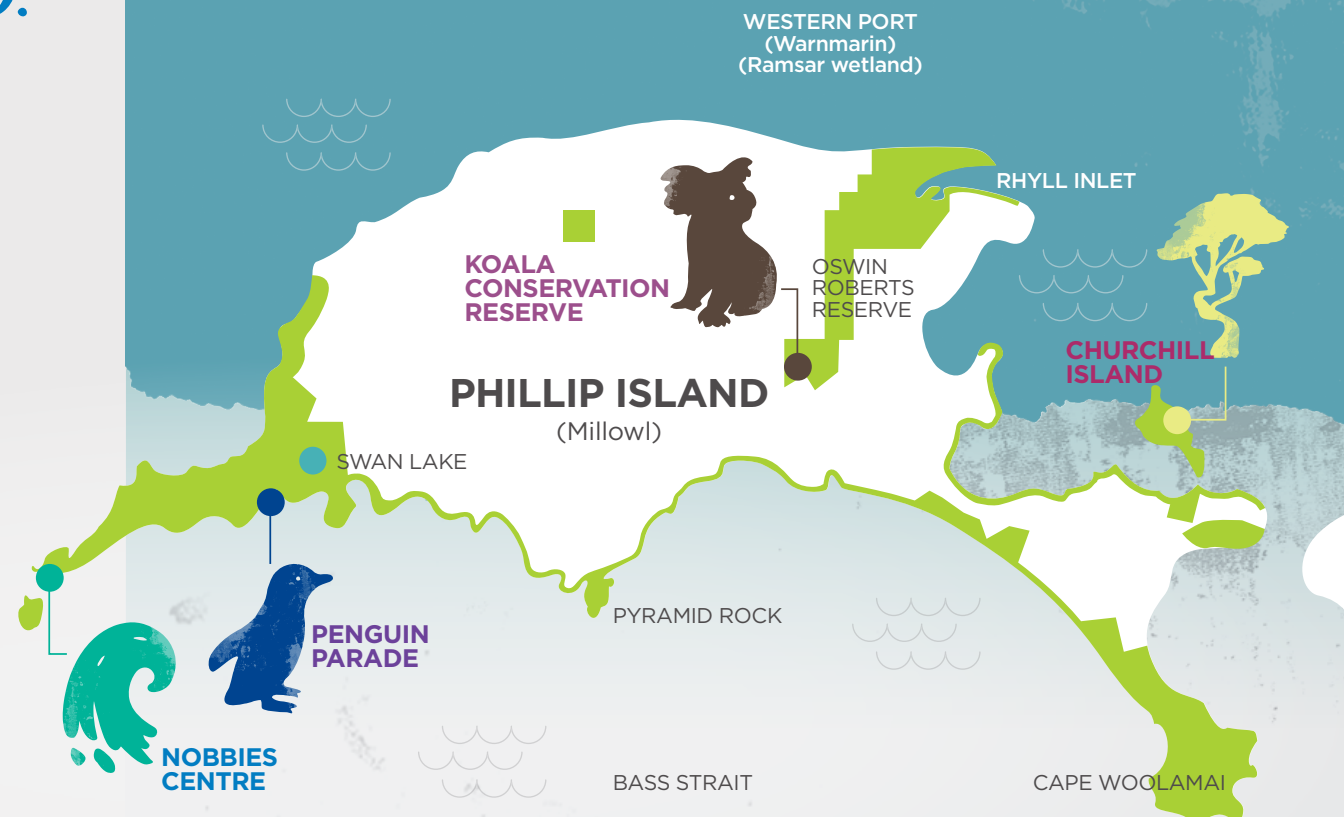
Through our diverse range of Victorian Curriculum linked learning resources and guided educational tours, excursions support learning outcomes across primary, secondary and VCE year levels.

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TO MAKE A BOOKING:

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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.



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

ADMISSION PRICES

FOR SCHOOL GROUPS


1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Schools and Tertiary (discounted rates)

All school group bookings receive a 20% discount on current retail prices

ATTRACTION	P-Year 10	Year 11-12, Tertiary & Adult
Penguin Parade (General Viewing)	\$12.80	\$25.60
Koala Conservation Reserve	\$6.40	\$12.80
Churchill Island Heritage Farm	\$6.40	\$12.80
3 Park Pass includes Penguin Parade General Viewing, Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island	\$21.76	\$43.52
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.	

Tours are all weather activities, please check the weather forecast conditions and plan accordingly.

 All Phillip Island Nature Parks sites and attractions are EFTPOS only - no cash transactions are currently accepted at any of our sites.

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

\$9.00 per student

KOALA CONSERVATION TOUR

\$9.00 per student

KOALA SPOTLIGHT TOUR

\$22.00 per student
(includes General Admission)

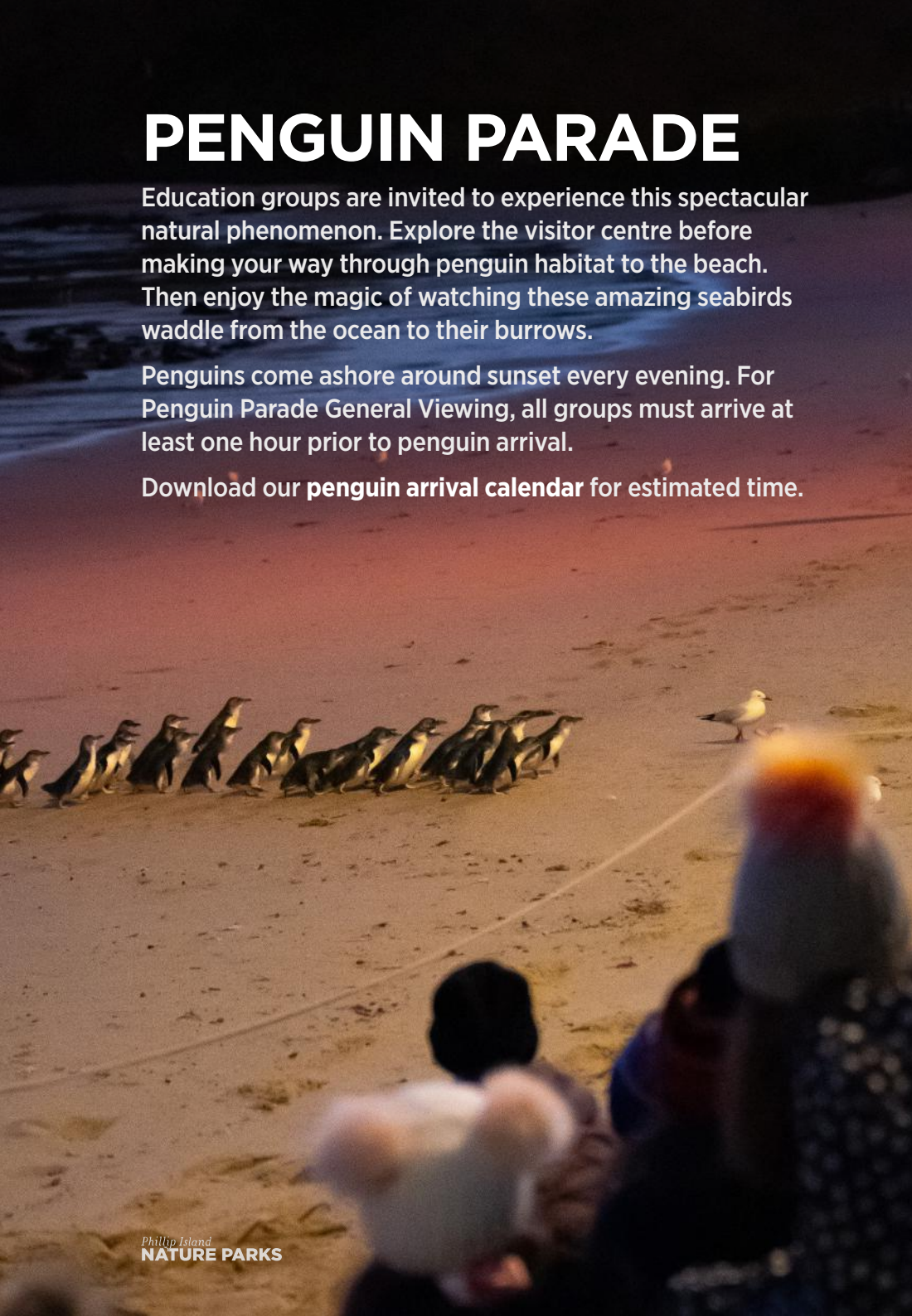


PENGUIN PARADE

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:	\$9.00 per student (plus Penguin Parade General Viewing)
Minimum cost:	\$180.00 (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.

Duration:	1hr
Available:	Monday-Thursday during Victorian school term
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$9.00 per student (plus General Admission to the Koala Conservation Reserve)
Minimum cost:	\$180.00 (plus General Admission to the Koala Conservation Reserve)
Maximum students per session:	55
Session time:	1:00pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time) 2:00pm AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Learning Opportunities

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



KOALA SPOTLIGHT TOUR

Add a spotlight tour experience to your visit.

Gurrborra is the Bunurong name for koala and understanding this unique animal is important as we protect habitat and create sustainable futures. An exclusive access twilight tour to view koalas from our tree top boardwalks in semi-wild enclosures. Students will learn about nocturnal behaviours, specialised features, adaptations, life cycles and the conservation of bushland biodiversity. No torches required.

Duration:	1hr
Available:	Tuesday and Thursday nights only during the school term.
Year levels:	All
Guide to student ratio:	1:25
Cost:	\$22.00 per student inclusive of entry
Minimum cost:	\$440.00
Maximum students per session:	55
Session time:	5:30pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time) 7:00pm AEDT (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) Will vary with sunset, groups to meet guides 15 minutes prior to the tour start time.

Learning Opportunities

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



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
Sheep shearing:	2:30pm
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



COMING SOON

BANDICOOT DISCOVERY TOUR

A unique opportunity to encounter this endangered species.

Embark on an exciting spotlight walk to observe Eastern barred bandicoots foraging and going about their nightly adventures in the wild—join our guides at sunset on Churchill Island to encounter this amazing nocturnal marsupial. Discover the fascinating story of this Australian animal, once declared Extinct in the Wild but now thriving thanks to an incredible conservation recovery program.

Duration:	1hr
Available:	Coming soon
Year levels:	TBC
Guide to student ratio:	1:10
Cost:	TBC
Minimum cost:	TBC
Maximum students per session:	10 per group , max 20 students
Session times:	Times will vary with sunset.

Learning Opportunities

- Nocturnal behaviours
- Reintroduction of threatened species
- Features and adaptations
- Conservation and research
- Significant places and environments
- Cycles: daily, seasonal and life-long
- Threats: natural and human
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