Yanchep National Park is proud to offer a range of exciting school activities. All activities are linked to the WA curriculum framework. Excluding Nyitting workshops and NAIDOC Games, all activities are:

• 45mins in duration
• designed for 15-30 children and cost $10 per head.

Activities can run simultaneously to cater for larger group sizes. For further information please contact our bookings officer on 9303 7772.

Aboriginal experience
Discover the ways of the Nyoongar people who live in WA’s south west. Students learn about their seasonal movements, language and how knowledge is passed from generation to generation. They will discover how plants and animals in the environment have great significance to Nyoongar people.

School years: 1 – 12 (age adaptable – junior and senior activities available)

Didgeridoo and dance
Discover the importance of dance for communication in traditional Nyoongar culture. Students learn how to communicate through dancing and how expression in dance is linked to the spiritual beliefs of the Nyoongar people. Students will also be introduced to the didgeridoo and will learn to identify sounds used in storytelling.

School years: 1 – 12 (age adaptable – junior and senior activities available)

Dreaming stories
Every story teaches us something! What is the purpose of a dreamtime story? Students will hear three stories and discuss the meanings of each. Younger students will be encouraged to mimic movements and actions. Using what they have learnt, older students will create a story of their own. This activity has a didgeridoo and dance component.

School years: 1 – 12 (age adaptable – junior and senior activities available)

Symbols, signs and sand
An introduction to the symbols and signs used in traditional Aboriginal art and storytelling. In this interactive activity younger students will apply what they have learnt in their artwork while older students will explore the concept of map symbols and create their own individual stories.

School years: 1 – 12 (age adaptable – junior and senior activities available)

Nyoongar science
Ever considered the aerodynamics of a boomerang? The chemistry of bush glue, mechanics of a spear thrower or the engineering of a Mia Mia? In this activity students will be introduced to the incredible science of the Aboriginal people and consider the similarities between modern and traditional practices.

School years: 7 – 12
Hunting and gathering
Students will gain an understanding of the Nyoongar people and their traditional hunting skills by trying their own hand at spear and boomerang throwing. They will be given an insight into the importance of movement, sign language and using all of their senses as well as learning about the traditional roles of family members in day to day life. Students will also have an opportunity to look at some tools.
School years: 4 – 12

Nyitting workshops
Dreamtime stories or storytelling plays a vital role in educating our kids, they help to explain how the land came to be shaped and inhabited, how to behave and why. This program of eight modules introduces students to the concept of dreamtime stories. It takes the class through the process of creating a story to performing it to their peers either at the park, community or at school. Our cultural officer will teach students about storytelling through movement and actions, and help build a story concept and script. The program allows for a rehearsal module plus a performance.

Modules are 1hr in duration and venue is flexible. Price varies according to location and modules completed. Suitable for all ages.

NAIDOC games
(Available NAIDOC week only)
A full day program of team sports based on traditional games adapted with modern equipment. Team vs team or school vs school. Program includes an acknowledgement of country, team face painting, six games, a didgeridoo and dance session plus trophy presentation.
A special NAIDOC event, there are limited available places. $15 per student. Suitable for all ages.

Incursions
Prefer us to come to you? Many of our activities can be adapted for an incursion at your school. Please contact our bookings officer for further information and for the incursion pricing.

Pre excursion support
Need some specific content? If you’re studying something in class you would like to explore more in depth then let us know. Current school themes such as bullying can be covered in activities like dreaming stories. Our cultural officer is happy to discuss with you prior to your arrival.

Camping
Camping is currently being trialled on Henry White Oval and schools are welcome to stay.
Camping is also available at the Shapcotts Shelter which is accessible to walkers only and cannot be booked.
For more information regarding camping please contact our bookings officer on 9303 7772

Volunteering opportunities for students
Volunteering projects such as park clean ups, weeding, planting re-vegetation works, seed propagation and research are ongoing in Yanchep National Park.
Yanchep National Parks volunteer coordinator can provide further information about volunteering opportunities for your school. Please contact us for further information.

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Also available at Yanchep National Park...
Activities suitable for schools are also offered by our stakeholders. Please contact them directly for further information.

Little Gumnuts Nature Programs: Offers nature education programs specifically designed for children from 3 – 10yrs. Contact Lee-Anne for more information on 0424 684 549.
Chocolate Drops Tearooms: Offers chocolate making workshops as a seasonal activity. Lunch packs also available. Contact Sue on 9561 6699.
EasyRider Adventures: Offers fun activities on ‘segway’ style machines exploring science, physical education and team building. Suitable for students with special needs. For ages 6+. Contact Michael on 1300327974.
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