

BUSH KINDER

Nature-based early childhood education teaches young children to care for and interact with the natural environment. The social, emotional and practical skills that are acquired in this environment are life-long skills that can successfully guide children and enrich lives into the future.

Nature play is often child-led. Fostering freedom, creativity and inquiry based learning.

Children learn about the seasons, animals and plants, biodiversity and undertake problemsolving exercises that naturally incorporate maths, science and engineering skills.

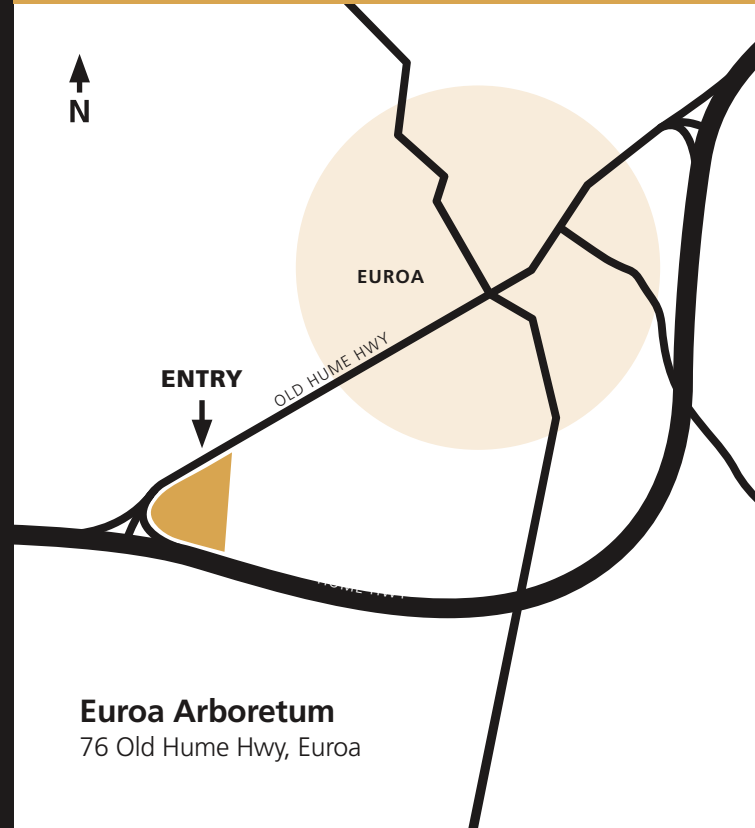
Children take risks, learn the benefits of persistence and have the freedom to play individually or together.

Teachers and parents often note the therapeutic nature of bush kinder, observing calmer and more focused children.

When children begin, some say they are bored or even scared and often experience a transformation, becoming more confident, capable and content over the year.

Bush kinder transforms lives.

EUROA ARBORETUM BUSH KINDER



Euroa Arboretum
76 Old Hume Hwy, Euroa

We acknowledge The Taungurung people as the traditional owners of the land we care for and we work together in providing environmental and cultural heritage education for the greater community.

 Dogs are welcome but must remain on a lead.

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EUROA ARBORETUM

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The current winner of The Premier's Sustainability Award, the Euroa Arboretum is a stunning 27 Hectare bush setting, lovingly restored over 30 years.

The Arb provides the space for recreation and education, research and development and demonstrates contemporary ecological restoration techniques.

'In nature, Children learn to take risks, overcome fears, make new friends, regulate emotions, and create imaginary worlds'.

Angela J. Hanscom



PRE-SCHOOL ADVENTURES IN NATURE



SUMMER

Seed ripens and can be collected, the colour of the landscape changes, plants are grown in the nursery.

Ponds are drying – what can you find in the pools and mud?



AUTUMN

Autumn rains! Watch the transformation.

Campfires, mud, water, germination in the grounds, what are the frogs doing?

FACILITIES

Covered picnic shelter, tables and chairs, public toilets, seasonal/shallow pond for easy discovery and play, rocks and logs for exploring, cubbies to make, wetlands and ponds to explore, wildflowers to wander through.



GUIDED BUSH KINDER SESSIONS (Arboretum staff led)

Cost: group size of approximately 20 children.

- \$50/hr incl GST (no booking fee)
The Arboretum may have some grant-funded Guided-Bush Kinder hours available - please enquire.

A guided bush kinder can assist with:

Art activities, nature discovery, water minibeast activity, seed collection and propagation.

SELF GUIDED TOURS (or Teacher-led)

\$10 incl GST per booking (invoiced at the end of each Term)

This goes towards facilities and grounds maintenance for conservation purposes.



We are a tax deductible charity that requires ongoing support. Donations appreciated.

NATURE CONNECTION AND ART WORKSHOPS

Priced according to group size and individual workshop.



CONTACT US

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WINTER

What's flowering? Who's visiting? - Yellow Gum and honeyeaters, Spreading Wattle – who likes prickles?

What life can be found in the water at this point in our season cycle?

Boat races, campfire cooking, who has found refuge under the logs? The importance of sticks on the ground and cubby making.



SPRING

Ponds teem with life! Tadpoles, dragonflies, yabbies.
What do the ponds tell us about how clean our water is?

Flowers and who is visiting them? Insect discovery, birds and colours.