Phillip Island Ranger Quest

Marine conservation, awesome activities, great fun!

Give your students the challenge of being part of the Ranger Team at the World famous Penguin Parade and other popular wildlife attractions of Phillip Island Nature Parks, as they try and balance the needs of conservation and modern day eco and adventure tourism.

Allow your students a journey of discovery as they travel through the varied coastal environment of Phillip Island, experiencing the daily challenges of being part of the Ranger service team. Teams take on exciting roles within that team, as they deal with various conservation issues and experience some of the adventure activities on offer.

Are they ready to take up this conservation challenge? Meet and work behind the scenes, with Park Rangers. Developing life skills, such as, leadership, teamwork, communication and problem solving. A journey of discovery for all involved. Experiential learning at its best!

Aims: Your students will get amazing and unique access. Behind the scenes experiences with Rangers that are nationally accredited eco guides. Develop a greater understanding of the natural environment and cultural heritage through exploration, investigation and hands on activities. This is a journey of discovery, conservation and adventure as students undertake a Quest through Phillip Island, experiencing the daily challenges and adventures of working as a Park Ranger.

Phillip Island Ranger Quest program is tailored to the specific needs of the school and the students that participate, developing life skills.

Location: A 2-5 day journey experiencing the spectacular natural, cultural, wildlife and other unique attributes of The Phillip Island Nature Parks, where history, wildlife encounters and excitement awaits. The amazing eco certified Island Accommodation and other magnificent coastal areas of Philip Island are also utilised to achieve the aims and objectives of this unique outdoor experiential learning program.

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Objectives & Outcomes
- Awareness and respect of coastal conservation issues.
- An understanding of wildlife conservation and management.
- Overcoming problems as a team as they travel through varied terrain.
- To understand individual/s strengths and weaknesses in order to work effectively, and enhance self-esteem.
- Successful Teamwork and communication.
- Understanding the role of a leader.
- Develop responsibility, hazard awareness and risk assessment.
- Meet challenges in outdoor activities.
- Gain an understanding of the relationship between man and the natural environment.
- Knowledge of modern day eco buildings, as well as eco and adventure tourism.

Expedition Content
Phillip Island Ranger Quest is essentially a Leadership and Development program utilising aspects of the fantastic Phillip Island Nature Parks education program, amazing wildlife encounters and awesome activities. “Phillip Island Ranger Quest” can take place over 2-5 days and is totally flexible developed for your own school aims and objectives.

This is truly an amazing experience, where participants become part of the Ranger Team of Phillip Island Nature Parks including, Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Centre, Nobbies Seal Centre and a unique campfire experience at Churchill Island Heritage Farm. Teams will journey across Phillip Island and along the coast. They will discover Wildlife conservation, coastal environments, cultural heritage and relationships between humans and the natural environment. Working as part of a Ranger Team they will plan their journey and conservation work through various key areas of Phillip Island, utilising different modes of travel and working as a team to assist the Rangers in their conservation efforts.

In keeping with Quest Skills for Life journeying ethos with active participation at every stage, participants will be given responsibility as they take on leadership roles such as Head Ranger, Food officer, Wildlife Officer, Environment Impact Officer and First Aid Officer. Activities such as bushwalking, cycling, canoeing/kayaking, fishing, snorkelling, and surfing could all be part of their journey on Phillip Island where teams may camp for 1 or 2 nights. Otherwise they will be staying in Eco certified “Island Accommodation” in bunkrooms.