Overview

Mini-Beasts is a day long program that transports students into the amazing world of invertebrates. Students will venture into Toohey Forest to locate and collect invertebrates using a variety of entomological equipment such as insect jars, sweep nets and beating trays.

Whilst in the forest students will find a multitude of invertebrates that may include moths, butterflies, ants, spiders, termites, stick insects, centipedes, millipedes, bugs and beetles.

On their return to the centre students will be able to examine in great depth the structural features and adaptations that assist these creatures to grow and survive with the centres video microscope and HD television. Lifecycles will also be examined with the invertebrates collected often in a mix of egg, larva, nymph and adult stages.

The program concludes with a live animal presentation where students get up close and personal with some of the forest inhabitants including stick insects, lizards and snakes.

Mini-Beasts has been assessed as medium risk. A Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment is available on request. A student field booklet will be provided upon confirmation of your booking.

Curriculum Intent

Science
- Living things have life cycles (ACSSU072)
- Living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment (ACSSU043)
- Living things, including plants and animals, depend on each on each other and the environment to survive (ACSSU073)

Sustainability
- Organisms, including humans are connected through ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing and survival (OI.2)