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Window to the Forest: Years 5-7

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*Window to the Forest* is a whole day program focusing on plants and animals and the habitats in which they live.

Students discuss and gain an understanding of the importance of biodiversity and the impact of humans through the use of multimedia, an interactive game and forest walk.

A presentation and large mural are used for students to gain an insight into Toohey Forest's history and biodiversity. Food chains and food webs are introduced through an interactive game - *What's for Dinner*. Habitat, extinction, adaptations and introduced species are all addressed.

On a bushwalk through the forest, students will identify and sketch a range of plant and animal species. Students use observation skills and data loggers to collect and record information on physical conditions in Toohey Forest. Evidence of past and present human impacts observed in Toohey Forest is recorded and discussed in relation to effects on biodiversity.

The program concludes with students getting up close and personal with live animals and discussing their specific adaptations and feeding relationships. Animals include blue tongue lizard, pink tongue lizard, turtles and a carpet python.

*Window to the Forest* 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 structural features and adaptations to help them survive in their environment (ACSSU043)
- The growth and survival of living things are affected by the physical conditions of their environment (ACSSU094)
- Use equipment and materials safely, identifying potential risks (ACSSU088)
- Interactions between organisms can be described in terms of food chains and food webs; human activity can affect these interactions (ACSSU112)

**SOSE – Place and Space**
- Environments are defined by natural processes and human activities

**Sustainability**
- The biosphere is a dynamic system providing conditions that sustain life on Earth (OL.1)
- All life forms, including human life, are connected through ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing (OL.2)

**ATSI Histories and Cultures**
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities maintain a special connection to and responsibility for Country/Place throughout all Australia