



SOUTH CANTERBURY  
**ECO CENTRE**  
Te Pokapū Taiao o Aoraki

# ECO CENTRE & SCHOOLS

Inspiring and educating our community to live more sustainably.

Free environmental and sustainable education for schools  
hosted at the South Canterbury Eco Centre.



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# ECO EDUCATION TOPICS

Alice Brice (Eco Centre Activator) and Corrie Andrews (Enviro NZ Waste Minimisation Educator) lead the Eco Centre education. We also work with outside presenters. Below are the topics on offer, along with the opportunity to create your own day.

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## STORMWATER

Where does the water go after a bath? What about the doggy-doo left on the street? Discover the wastewater journey in our district and the impact it has on the environment. Go on a treasure hunt and learn more about the Nitrifying Trickle Filter pond.

Corrie - Enviro NZ



## WASTE MINIMISATION

“You make a difference” Learn about renewable, and non-renewable resources, what is waste, and what can we do locally to have an impact globally? View the MRF via video. Discuss how waste products can be viewed as resources.

Corrie - Enviro NZ



## CROWS NEST VISIT

Why buy second hand? Encouraging students to think about what they can donate and what they can buy pre loved. Involves a treasure hunt at the Crows Nest to open up their eyes to what is available.

Alice - Eco Centre



## PREDATOR FREE

Why do we want to kill predators? What does Predator Free 2050 focus on? We focus on saving the birds, identifying key predators and look at different traps and trap safety.

Alice - Eco Centre



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## RAPTOR EXPERIENCE

Learn about the lives of our native raptor birds, their ways of hunting, what they feed on, dangers to their safety and their cultural significance. Ron will bring along a feathered friend. Koha appreciated.

**Ron - Raptor Experience**



## ENVIROSCHOOLS

If you are an Enviroschool we can connect with Debbie Eddington to make a programme for your students. Debbie has a wide variety of skills and knowledge about our environment.

**Debbie - Enviroschools**



## CREATE YOUR DAY

Create your own programme. Mix of your own activities as well as presenters from the Eco Centre? Do community work at the Eco Centre, such as planting? There is outdoor seating and plenty of space for outdoor activities.

**Designed by school**



## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

A short walk from the Eco Centre is the Otipua Wetlands, a stone beach, and Redruth Park. There are options for nature study, beach cleanup, walks, beach craft, iNaturalist app etc.

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## Example structure of a session

We can host up to 40 students. We split into 2 groups for the sessions, lead by 2 presenters from the above options.

9.30 - 9.50 am Eco Centre introduction

9.50 - 10.30 am Session 1

10.30 - 10.45 am Brain break activity or food break

10.45 - 11.25 am Session 2

11.25 - 11.30 am Conclusion

We can repeat this again at 12.30 - 2.30pm. We try to be flexible, so just ask.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What facilities are available?**

The Eco Centre has a classroom space that fits 50 people on chairs. It has a smartboard, Wifi and pop up tables, that are easy to move. There is an indoor break out space and an outdoor table area.

### **Is there bus / wheelchair access?**

The Eco Centre has easy access for a bus to drive through and park. It has wheelchair access and an accessible toilet.

### **Is there kitchen facilities?**

We have a small kitchen with a oven, urn, fridge freezer and most things you need to serve a meal. We also have a BBQ for hire. Please note groups have to take their rubbish home.

### **What does it cost to hire the Eco Centre?**

If the Eco Centre staff are hosting your school group it is free or a koha. You are welcome to hire the venue as a school at the Not for Profit rate of \$15 an hour.