



BLACK BARN farm

SCHOOL PROGRAM - INTRODUCTION LETTER 2020

Hello and thank you for considering a Black Barn Farm experience for the future-builders in your class/school.

WHAT STUDENTS GET AT BLACK BARN FARM

- Our programs are based on underlying principles of acceptance, care, respect, and fun, to support the growth and confidence of each of our young visitors as a member of a vibrant ecological community.
- To facilitate an understanding of the relationships between land, soil, plants, animals, people, communities, and the networks that nourish them. Transfer specific skills and knowledge that kids can build upon from term to term and year to year.
- To integrate and reflect on principles of social justice as they relate to people as well as plants, animals, and Earth.
- Understanding, through practical application, that strength comes through diversity.

BESPOKE PROGRAMS

We know that every school is different and has different needs so while we have much on offer, we prefer not to do 'off-the-shelf' and instead we adapt our range to create a program to suit your kids..

THEMES and ACTIVITIES

Once we understand your specific needs we come back to you with a suitable program proposal that includes things such as:

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| - Planting & harvesting | Activities that derive lessons | - 'adventures in our |
| - Preserving & cooking | in: | own backyard' |
| - Seed saving | - 'using what you've | - connecting to the |
| - Chicken care | got' | natural world' |
| - Grafting | - 'simplicity over | - 'thriving where you |
| - Bushwalks | complexity' | live |
| - Weaving | - 'long and short supply | |
| - Fencing | chains' | |
| - Natural materials | - 'less is more' | |
| building | - 'community building' | |

We can create programs with strong themes such as:

- Legends and Lore - think campfires, indigenous heritage, story telling, myth busting, experiments
- Farmers in Training - hands-on, animal care, tractors and trailers, dirt, worm farms, experiments
- Food - celebrating seasons, preserving, planting, harvesting, cook offs, experiments,
- Wilderness Explorers - pitching tents, lighting fires, bushwalking, experiments

QUESTIONS

Please answer 4 things:

1. The learning outcomes you are looking for,
2. The age of the kids
3. Your capacity to engage - frequency and length of visits
4. Your budget

Letting people get their hands in the dirt, hand feed chickens and geese, pat horses, run in the paddocks, plant trees, sow seeds and see the full range of seasonal evolution is powerful. Connecting to the natural world is critical and farming is one of the oldest and most noble callings in the world. We are delighted you are considering us to offer your students such an opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you.

You can find more details about black barn farm at www.blackbarnfarm.com.au or at instagram and facebook.

Yours in dirty fingernails & farming love

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P.S The Black Barn is being purpose built in Spring 2020 however in the meantime the packing shed is set up to suit 35 kids comfortably.

*Co are the splendid crew of 'others' who are experts at their work, who we call on to help us deliver these programs to be sure your kids are in the hands of absolutely committed and knowledgeable folk.