



Introduction to CERES Community Environment Park:

Located on the banks of the Merri Creek, CERES is a 4.5-hectare urban park that presents a working model of a sustainable community. All waste and water at CERES is recycled, and much of the site is powered by solar and wind energy. Complete with examples of green technology in action, ecological building design, community enterprise, a cultural village, and beautiful mosaics and sculptures, CERES seeks to offer a new way of being to its visitors.

The excursion programs that CERES offers are hands-on, interactive experiences built upon the real-life resources and displays at the CERES Community Environment Park. All CERES staff are dedicated to providing the most engaging and informative activities for students. For a map of CERES, visit: <http://www.ceres.org.au/sitemap>



Waste Program Pre-Excursion Materials

Teachers: If you have booked programs within the **Waste Strand**, you may want to prepare your students by engaging in some of these pre-visit activities to get them thinking about **Waste** and its impact on the environment.

- Watch **The Story of Stuff**, a 20min. film which looks at the shortcomings of the current system in which resources are obtained, processed, used, and disposed. <http://www.storyofstuff.com/>
- Find out where local recycling and waste services are using **Recycling Near You**. <http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/>
- Visit the website of **Planet Ark** to learn about campaigns that encourage community involvement to address our environmental impact. <http://www.planetark.org/about/>
- *Calculate individual and school ecological footprints at the website of **EPA Victoria**. <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ecologicalfootprint/calculators/default.asp>

After engaging in these activities, generate some pre-visit discussion by using these thought-provoking questions:

- What are all the different types of waste your school produces?
- What are all the different types of waste produced at home?
- How do your shopping habits contribute to the waste stream?
- What is recycling?
- How can we reduce the amount of waste we produce every day?
- How can waste be used as a resource?
- How do we become more conscientious consumers?

*Do not suggest this resource for students if you plan on booking the Ecological Footprint excursion activity.