holly's backyard bees

Australian Native bee incursion

We provide ***Australian Native Bee Incursions*** to Kindergarten and Schools. These engaging and interactive sessions provide opportunity for hands on learning about our amazing native bee species with a focus on encouraging the children to think about habitat and environmental sustainability. They are tailored to provide age appropriate information and allow time for children to guide the discussion and ask lots of questions.

what's included

- Discussion about native bees in Victoria
- All materials are provided for the children to make their own insect hotel to take home. Children are also encouraged to forage for natural materials in the garden to add to their insect hotels (eg sticks, bamboo, seedpods, etc)
- Holly brings cuttings of plants that native bees are attracted to and teaches the children how to propagate some of these for the kinder/school garden.
- Picture resources made available to educators for further investigation with children
- Session length – 60-75 minutes

$295
per session*

For all bookings, contact Holly Hale

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** Cost is $295 plus GST with a maximum of 30 children per session. Travel fees may apply for out of area bookings.*

Holly is a beekeeper from the Yarra Valley who has been captivated by both honeybees and native bee species alike for many years now. While we understand honey bees play a significant role in pollination, our Australian native bee species also contribute significantly to this job with some species being more effective at pollinating some crops such as tomatoes. Holly is a mother of two young girls and is passionate about encouraging children to engage with nature and inspiring them to be a part of creating a sustainable future and habitat for these important critters!

themes of discussion

- Native bees in Victoria – blue bandedbees, resin bees, leaf cutter bees and cuckoo bees
- Solitary bees vs social colonies
- Habitat requirements and how to create this to encourage these important insects into our gardens and outdoor play spaces
- What can we plant to provide food for native bees?
- Native bees role in pollination and sustainability.

Australian Native Bees are amazing insects

Did you know that there are over 1500 different species of Australian native bees? Almost all of these species are solitary bees – they don't live in social colonies like honey bees do, but instead have individual nests.

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