

ABOUT THE DISCOVERY PROGRAMMES

The Island Bay Marine Education Centre Discovery Programmes are designed to complement and enhance learning that takes place in the classroom.

All our programmes are developed by trained, motivated teachers who have a passion and enthusiasm for teaching about the marine environment. Our teaching staff have extensive experience in their fields.

Cross-curricula integration is recognised as being an important part of the delivery and re-inforces the relationships with the undersea world and what happens on land.

We have comprehensive health and safety practices that are strictly adhered to to ensure all participants are safe and secure while participating in our Discovery Programmes.

Teachers and groups interested in taking part in any of our Discovery Programmes are invited to contact us to discuss their needs. We are able to tailor individual programmes to suit your classroom requirements.

Prices vary depending on the programme, numbers of students, locations and supervision required. Please contact us for pricing information.

We look forward to seeing as many students as possible in our Discovery Programmes.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Island Bay Marine Education Centre is operated by the non-profit Wellington Marine Conservation Trust. We rely completely on grants, donations and small fees to continue to offer our education and visitor programmes.

If you'd like to support the Centre please contact us for information on:

Sponsorships

For information on business or commercial sponsorships of any of our exhibits or programmes please contact us on (04) 383 8285 or email info@octopus.org.nz.

Donations

Tax deductible donations can be made directly to our bank account via internet payment or by cheques payable to Island Bay Marine Education Centre sent to PO Box 20001, Wellington South, Wellington 6242.

Goods and Services

If you're an individual or business with products or services you'd like to donate to the aquarium please contact us on (04) 383 8285 or info@octopus.org.nz.

Friends of the Aquarium

If you'd like to become a Friend of the Aquarium, you'll receive regular email updates on events and happenings in the Bait House Aquarium, an annual pass to the aquarium for you and your guests, and advance notice of special events. Your help will be acknowledged on our website and by invitation to our once a year special dinner. Memberships available: Individuals-\$30, Couples-\$50 and Families (up to 5 people)-\$120.

Volunteer

We rely on volunteers for all our programmes. So if you're interested in volunteering opportunities please email discovery@octopus.org.nz.

Island Bay Marine Education Centre



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Explore, Discover, Learn!

Discovery Programme menu



Marine Education Experience

A visit to the Island bay Marine Education Centre is an excellent springboard to launch students on their path to discovery. Experienced educators will lead your class group through a series of activities that will open their eyes and minds. Explore the rocky shore environment and the Bait House Aquarium exhibits.

Outreach Programme

The Outreach Programme brings the Oceans component of the science curriculum to your classroom. After consultation on learning outcomes and curriculum content, our teaching team will visit



your class and provide an introduction to the Oceans. This is followed by a visit to the Bait House Aquarium, or an alternative site near you, for a practical,

hands on experience that will reinforce concepts and ideas introduced in the classroom. Follow up visits are available if requested.

Field trips

Extend your day out at the Marine Education Centre by incorporating a guided field trip into your visit. Morning and afternoon sessions are available to areas of interest that are relevant to content being addressed in the classroom. Our education team will tailor a field trip to your needs if required.



We can provide a valuable learning activity that will enhance the Bait House Aquarium experience for all school groups. Venues included cover science, geography, social sciences and all incorporate cross-curricular integration.

EMR

Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) aims to raise awareness, understanding and importance of marine



reserves. It involves an initial marine biodiversity talk followed by learning to snorkel. Students then experience the difference between unprotected and protected marine areas in the Greater Wellington region. An integral part of the programme is an action project where the class shares what they've learned with the wider community.

Ocean Rangers

The Ocean Ranger programme introduces young people, 8 years and older, to a range of concepts about the marine environment. A strong conservation message and ethic is incorporated into plenty of hands on activities that will entertain and educate young minds. This is a great activity to encourage further student led enquiries.



Holiday programme

The MEC holiday activities are available for all holiday programme managers/coordinators as an activity to include in your timetable. We offer educational, entertaining and exciting experiences for groups that visit for between 1 -3 hours.

Visit our website, www.octopus.org.nz, for more information about any of the Discovery Programmes.