



TAKE ME OUTSIDE

NEW SOUTH WALES

Connecting kids and community with nature and the
outdoors through action.

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What makes Take Me Outside NSW different from other outdoor environmental days and activities?

- Long-term, ongoing involvement for students
- Builds on best practice principles
- Measurable environmental benefits
- On-going local partnerships (councils, agencies, NGOs, Landcare can sign up to support local projects)



Background:

- AAEE NSW developed the *Guide to Planning Best Practice Sustainability Education and Engagement Projects* (BPSEE) to help educators deliver better projects on-the-ground.
- In 2018, an NSW Government Environmental Trust grant was awarded to roll out:
 1. Workshops for to increase skill and capacity of 240 educators and others through the BPSEE project framework; and
 2. The **Take Me Outside NSW** project – for 100 school and/or community groups to engage over 5,000 participants to get outside, adopt a natural space and undertake on-ground activities in order to engage with, and value the environmental importance of these spaces from 2018-2021.





Take Me Outside originates in Canada, where teachers are asked to take students outdoors to connect with nature, play and learn, one day in October each year.

Over 1 million students have been involved in TMO since it's inception.

We greatly appreciate Take Me Outside Canada & founder Colin Harris for allowing us to bring their concept to Australia.



25 projects have already been registered!

ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Planting native species to increase biodiversity
- Creation of vegetable and flower gardens attracting pollinators and increasing biodiversity
- Installing bird baths and nesting boxes for local species
- Removing weeds; aquaponics for fish and vegetable sustainable agriculture; composting; and, to design and build a nature play space

OFF SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Excursions for pre-schoolers and their families to explore nature
- Supporting migratory birds on North Coast
- Litter clean-ups with their local council

Will you join Take Me Outside NSW too?

Addressing climate change locally

Biodiversity surveys

Marine Debris
clean ups

Working with Landcare
on bush rehabilitation

Stormwater and river
health monitoring

Be part of Citizen
Science projects

Habitat creation &
wildlife surveys

Waste & plastic use
reduction,
recycling & reuse

Litter reduction
through Return & Earn

AUSMAP
microplastics

Vege gardens
and composting

Frogs &
ponds

Energy alternatives



Take Me Outside NSW provides resources and guidance for educators to develop more effective projects, over a term or year, including:

- A range of **online tools and resources**, and advice to help the development best-practice projects, with longevity in their impact.
- **Links to connect schools and educators** with existing programs & services (like EZECs) that can provide advice/support.
- Examples of who's doing what (**case studies**)
- **Annual competitions** to tell your project story through video competitions
- Support with evaluation and monitoring



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