

Kamay Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre

Excursion outline

K-6 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultural day

Location:

Kamay Botany Bay EEC
Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell

Overview:

Kamay Botany Bay National Park in Kurnell is the location of the first contact between the Gweagal people and James Cook. During an immersive bushwalk students will learn about aspects of Gweagal life and culture at this site and identify some of the indigenous artefacts used. Students will explore the rocky shore and the sculptures that were designed by local artists to reflect the natural and cultural values of this space.

Students will learn about the importance of Country to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the impact of the arrival of James Cook and the crew of The Endeavour in 1770.

Outcomes:

- HT1-2 Identifies and describes significant people, events, places and sites in the local community over time
- HT2-2 Describes and explains how significant individuals, groups and events contributed to changes in the local community over time
- HT3-5 Applies a variety of skills of historical inquiry and communication

Key Inquiry questions:

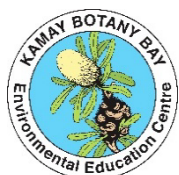
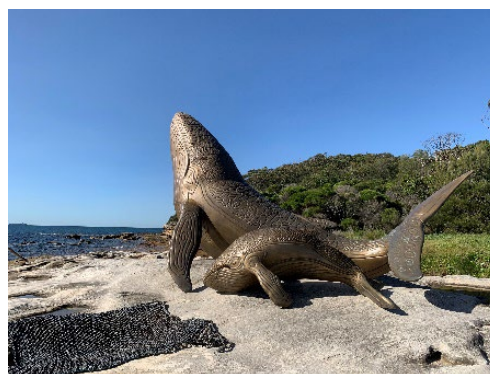
- What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?
- Who lived here first and how do we know?
- What was life like for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples before the arrival of the Europeans?

Student will:

- take a bushwalk through the Banks/Solander Track to include a deeper understanding of the significant plant resources used by the local Gweagal people
- explore Gweagal artefacts and local bird/animal specimens
- explore the rock platform food resources
- explore the sculptures including whale dreaming story

Learning across the curriculum content:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Sustainability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical understanding
- Difference and diversity



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Education

Booking Information:

Location	Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell 21 Cape Solander Drive, Kurnell
Bus booking	Drop off and pick up at The Visitor Centre, Kamay Botany Bay National Park
Timing	Ideally schools should allow 4 hours for the program, including meal and toilet breaks.
Student checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> low waste lunch and recess (reusable containers, no plastic wrap)<input type="checkbox"/> refillable water bottle (Kamay Botany Bay National Park has a refillable water station)<input type="checkbox"/> hat<input type="checkbox"/> sunscreen<input type="checkbox"/> school or sports uniform (sports uniform preferable)<input type="checkbox"/> sturdy, enclosed walking shoes<input type="checkbox"/> backpack and raincoat (no plastic bags)
Teacher checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> students' prescribed medication and health action plans<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit<input type="checkbox"/> General use EpiPen
Staffing	The EEC complies with NSW DoE policy for a student/adult ratio of 15:1 for bushwalking. Parent helpers welcome, no pre-schoolers.
Medical or special needs	Please notify Kamay Botany Bay EEC staff at time of booking.
Risk Management Guidelines	RMG will be provided at the time of booking
Excursion pack	See KBBEEC website /resources for teacher background notes. Bring a camera, ipad or phone to photograph the students during the day.

Weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions,
please phone or text 0477 742 281

Bushfire

During bushfire season (approximately 1 October-31 March), check [Rural Fire Service fire danger rating](#). During catastrophic ratings, the park and centre are closed. Kamay Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre fieldtrip experiences will be postponed. During extreme or severe conditions, fieldtrip experiences and locations may be cancelled or modified to ensure the safety of all students and staff.



Buses should drop off students in the designated bus bay, located near the EEC.

Buses should then move to the parallel parking bays on Solander Drive.

Buses generally take 10 minutes to drive from Cronulla High School to Kurnell.