**What is the Living Links Ambassador Schools Program?**

Each year, Living Links supports one primary or secondary school located within the Dandenong Creek Catchment to undertake a project, excursion or incursion relating to the Living Links program vision of ***“Creating a web of green spaces where people and nature connect”.***

The objectives of the Living Links Ambassador School Program are:

* Create long-lasting connections of students to the importance of urban environments
* Allow students to explore local environmental issues affecting the local community
* Promoting innovative learning that fosters environmental stewardship
* Promoting an awareness of the Living Links Program

Examples of projects may include:

* Relevant environmental excursion or incursion
* Revegetation and habitat enhancement
* Urban Ecology
* Litter
* Gardens for Wildlife
* Bus costs for excursions
* Urban Greening
* Connecting people to nature
* Water Quality
* Community engagement
* Recreation
* Waterway health

**What does the Ambassador School receive?**

* A $2,000 grant to develop and implement a project including materials and equipment that maybe needed
* **OR** $2000 for a relevant environmental education excursion or incursion (see list for programs available)
* Mentor support from the Living Links Committee
* A Living Links Ambassador Schools Sign to display

**The Process**

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| August 2024 | Applications open. |
| **September 30th 2024** | **Applications close.** |
| October 2024 | Applications assessed. Applicants notified of outcome. |
| October 2024 | Successful school completes activity by Term 4. |
| December 5th 2024 | School demonstrates learning to the Living Links Committee and is awarded Living Links Ambassador School Certificate. |

**Further Information**

For further information visit [www.livinglinks.com.au](http://www.livinglinks.com.au) or contact:

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# School details

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| **School name:** |  |
| **Postal address:** |  |
| **Suburb/postcode:** |  |
| **School Principal Name:** |  |
| **Principal email:** |  |
| **Contact person:** |  |
| **Contact phone number:** |  |
| **Contact mobile number:** |  |
| **Contact email:** |  |
| **Best time for contacting:** |  |
| **Second contact person:** |  |
| **Second contact number:** |  |
| **Second contact email:** |  |
| **ABN number:** |  |
| **ICSEA ranking:** |  |
| **GST registered?** |  |

# Project summary & Criteria

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| 1. **Project Title (10 words max)** |
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| 1. **How would the school connect the Living Links Excursion, Incursion or project to the school curriculum?** |
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| 1. **What would you expect the students to gain from participating in the excursion, incursion or project?** |
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| 1. **How would your school expand the experience gained from this activity to embed in the learning gained?** |
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| 1. **How would your students share their experience from this activity with the school community and the Living Links Committee? Ie. video, power point presentation, poster, report, presentation?** |
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