



Schools Policy 2018

As a volunteer organisation BERG Mt Martha has limited resources. To make best use of our resources and provide the best educational outcomes for students, BERG Mt Martha will offer programs in partnership with schools based on the following principles:

1. The activity must be part of a defined education program within the School curriculum.
2. The activity must have active involvement of students and enable them to gain skills, knowledge and understandings that they can apply in the future.
3. Teachers must supervise and be actively involved in and present throughout the activity.
4. Teachers need to achieve understandings and skills to be able to provide follow-up and apply to future classroom projects.
5. Program structure needs to be designed around a maximum of 1 hour per activity (though it would be possible to run a longer program that includes two or more activities, eg Waterwatch, indigenous plant identification, weeding, planting).
6. Parents are informed that BERG Mt Martha is involved in this activity with their children, including some BERG Mt Martha contact information.
7. Publicity for the activity is provided to the school community.
8. Payment is made for any expenses incurred by BERG Mt Martha (eg plants, tipping fees for weeds additional equipment or resources if required).
9. Where possible, schools make a donation to support the work of BERG Mt Martha to preserve and restore the precious ecology of the Balcombe estuary reserves.