

## Nature Play – After school program (5-12yrs)

DATE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	CURRICULUM
Week 1	Connecting to Wild Places and People	Meet your new bush school team, explore your outdoor learning space, make a 'bush pizza' and mud map. Learn to hunt like a bat and share stories of your nature adventures. Learn some mindfulness techniques to help you on your Bush School journey.	Team building, Geography Stages 1,2,3; Indigenous learning.
Week 2	Finding Our Way: Navigation, mapping and team challenges.	Learn to move in the wild: 'see without your eyes', navigate an obstacle course, build and cross bridges, take our team orienteering challenge and make a journey stick.	PDHP, Geography Stages 1,2,3
Week 3	Survival Challenge: Shelter	Can you put a roof over your head? Learn simple knots to sling a tarpaulin roof. Learn to make a wind- and waterproof shelter from bushland materials.	Team Building, STEM
Week 4	Tracking and Sensory Awareness	Learn to recognise animal tracks and signs. Heighten your awareness with our 'Hunter and Survivor' game. Learn the fox walk, use your owl eyes and kangaroo ears.	Stages 1,2,3 PDHP
Week 5	Foraging Food and medicine: the power of Weeds!	Weeds can be a problem for the environment, but you can learn to remove them AND learn the nutritional and healing powers of common weeds. Make herbal tea, a hot snack, and some healing ointment, all out of the plants growing around you every day!	Science 1,2,3
Week 6	Underwater discoveries: dip netting	Find out who's living in our ponds and lakes. What can tiny creatures tell us about the health of the environment?	Science 1,2,3
Week 7	Crafting wood: whittling	Learn to safely use wood craft tools to cut green timber and make tent pegs and butter knives.	STEM
Week 8	At home with Insect Science	Take a 'close-up' look at some local insects, make a clay-and-stick sculpture of your 'bugliest bug', and help us build a hotel for native bees!	Science 1,2,3, STEM
Week 9	Adventure on water: build a raft and float it!	Roam your nature play area looking for loose natural parts to make a raft with. Take it to the lake and test it out!	STEM
Week 10	Arty bush picnic	Celebrate your great achievements this Bush School term by making a mandala and enjoying some local bush tucker.	Creative learning; science;; Indigenous Learning