

## Education

Sydney Olympic Park offers a diverse range of education programs in environmental sustainability, arts and sport, utilising world-class facilities, venues, parklands and wetlands for learners of all ages.

- Currently over 500,000 school students attend school events, excursions and activities at Sydney Olympic Park. More than 20,000 school students participate in Sydney Olympic Park Authority's curriculum based environmental excursions.
- In 2010, a unique suite of 35 curriculum based excursion programs were offered at the Park by the Authority for Kindergarten to Year 12 school students
- Sydney Olympic Park Authority, in partnership with Ausgrid, delivers renewable energy education programs at the historic Newington Armory. The solar powered 'Ausgrid Education Centre' is a hub for school excursions where students gain an appreciation of renewable energy sources such as solar, thermal, wind, hydro, tidal and biomass.
- 90% of Sydney Olympic Park's school programs are wetland-based excursions relating to geography and science.
- Through 'Parklands 4 Learning' the Authority provides a range of subsidised programs for disadvantaged student groups
- In 2011, the annual Science in the Suburbs event was held at the Park in Newington Armory. This is a partnership program with the Australian Museum.
- In 2011, Sydney Olympic Park Authority was a partner of the inaugural Youth Eco Summit, a two day series event focussing on sustainable living at Newington Armory.
- Professional development workshops were conducted for groups of teachers and wetlands professionals.
- Sydney Olympic Park is the home to the largest regional ARTEXPRESS exhibition annually. In 2011, school visitation to the exhibition increased by 50% from the previous year.
- The Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, managed by the YMCA, is a 98 bed accommodation facility in the heart of the parklands, providing a camp style environment to suit all ages for students and groups to use while on excursions to Sydney Olympic Park.
- Sydney Olympic Park Authority is the facilitator of a cluster of Park businesses participating in the Office of Environment & Heritage's Sustainability Advantage program. This program is designed to help organisations understand sustainability, successfully manage for a better environment and add business value. In 2011, the Authority received a bronze award for leading sustainability achievements under this program.
- Customised Technical Insight Tours offer 'behind the scenes' access to the Park's venues, operations and staff. More than 600 delegates participate in these programs each year from China, Japan, Singapore, London, South Korea, the United States of America, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, India, Iran, Vietnam as well as a range of domestic groups.

- Major educational institutions at Sydney Olympic Park include the NSW Institute of Sport, the Australian College of Physical Education and the Universities Admissions Centre.
- The Aquatic Centre has the largest swim school in Australia with 4,000 students. Between January and April each year, the competition pool hosts in excess of 90 school swimming carnivals.
- The annual Sydney Olympic Park Women's Sports Festival is hosted at the Park. An initiative of Sydney Olympic Park Authority, the annual Festival is a three-day celebration of women's participation in all levels of sport and included school programs, free activities and elite competitions.
- Get Active Days provide structured end-of-term picnic days for primary school students with over 2,000 students participating each year.
- An education campus planned for the Park will cover 100,000 square metres gross floor area (GFA). The development will be a core component of the suburbs sporting and creative hub, defining the town's identity. Twelve sites have been identified for potential sale by leasehold title (99 years) to commercial education and training providers including school, vocational education and institutional education and training. Nine of these sites will be available for educational facilities and three for student accommodation.