TERM 2 2021 Education Newsletter



Cotter and Googong Dam Discovery tours are back in Term 2

Autumn is the best time of year to visit either the Cotter or Googong Dams. Tours with modified routes, and COVID-19 controls, are available for small school and community groups during Term 2 of 2021. Enquire through our online booking forms.



Did you know that Canberra has 4 water supply dams that hold capacity of 277.8 billion litres of water? That's over 111,000 Olympic sized swimming pools. Supplying the ACT and Queanbeyan with over 67 months of available water supply

Dam storages levels in Canberra have bounced back to 100% capacity following the previous year's record breaking summer. Have you been out to see our dams? When full they spill, which means they release the environmental flow over their dam walls. It's an impressive site to see.

While our dams may be full it's important we don't start misusing our supply. Permanent water saving measures are still in place

What's your best water saving tip? What do you do in your home or at school?

Treatment Plant tours will be on hold for all of 2021

We have determined that it is in the best interest of our community to continue to postpone all external visitors, and school tours, to treatment plants for 2021. As an essential service provider to the community our focus is to safeguard operational staff from potential COVID-19 outbreaks.





Live webinar education sessions for your classes with the ACT water cycle model

The Urban water catchment model is available to visit your classroom digitally through our live webinar education sessions. Book a session with our education team to learn all about the amazing journey of water in the ACT. Find out how we deliver the highest quality drinking water to your tap while treating the sewage from your home and school!

Contact us at education@iconwater.com.au to organise a free live, and secure, webinar education session for your class.





Education resources to download

Our education materials are available for educators to download and use within their classrooms. Our materials offer a series of fun and engaging activities, videos and factsheets that explore the role of water in our everyday lives.

The in-class education activities have been designed to meet Australian curriculum standards. It offer tailored outcomes for students in years F-2, 3-4 and secondary students in years 7-10. Our aim is for these programs to help students understand water resources and to build a capacity to think, and act, in ways that create a more sustainable future.



'Questions from Kids'

Got a question about Canberra's water or sewerage?

You can now submit your class's questions to our fabulous education team.

We want to help your students learn more about how we provide Canberra, and the region, with an essential supply of drinking water and sewage services. See the website for our first video - Questions from Kids.

Download the information fact sheet on how to get involved here. Book a free webinar session for your class and we will answer your student's questions.



Before the term break, water educators from across the ACT joined us for a special tour of the Cotter Dam ending in a professional networking session. During this event we shared our collective expertise, knowledge, and current programs on all things water. It was fabulous to be joined by members and associates of the ACT chapter for the Australian Association for Environmental Education. Along with educators in water and biodiversity represented by ACT Government Actsmart schools programs, H2OK Healthy waterways program, No waste ACT, ACT Waterwatch Coordinators and Catchment groups, Landcare ACT, the Australian Botanic Gardens, Jerrabomberra Wetlands, passionate STEM teachers, Nature ART Lab and Dance kids.

Teacher and educator professional development sessions 2021

Our education program invites teachers to register for our engaging workshops. Available for bookings, it offers the opportunity to learn about the amazing journey of water in the ACT – the urban water story. Suitable for local educators teaching students about water in year two, year 7 HASS and Geography and Science.

Please contact Kate Rhook - Community Engagement Officer, should you like more information and to organise a session with your staff

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