

Upper Yarra Secondary
College
Young Environmental
Protectors
(Y.E.P) Group

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Charting Futures

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What Is Y.E.P?

Students from
years 7 – 10
With an interest in
environmental
management and
land care



School Environment

Key activities and achievements include:

- Establish and maintain new native gardens





Native Frog Bog

School Environment

- Initiated protocols for use of recycled paper
- Introduced Y.E.P into school charter
- Individual student environmental projects



Local Community

Planting and regeneration projects within
local community



Yarra
Junction
Community
Planting
Project

Helmeted Honey Eater Sanctuary Planting Project





Water Watch Sampling

Primary School Involvement:

- Y.E.P Group regularly assists the environmental projects of surrounding primary schools
- Students take on mentoring and leadership roles



Hoddles
Creek
Primary
School

Outcomes

Key student outcomes:

- Engagement in ‘hands on’ activities
- Authentic learning opportunities
- Increased environmental awareness
- Self confidence and teamwork



Where Did It All Begin?

Key influences:

- Science in Schools Program
- Shire of Yarra Ranges – Environmental Education Network
- UYSC staff

Issues

The key issue is **time** (or lack of it)

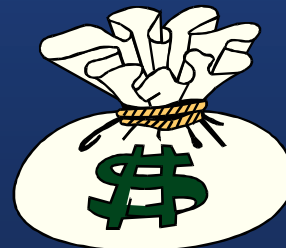
- Strategic planning (what, when and where)
- Who should facilitate the program?

Staff?

Students?

- What are the goals and focus for the group?

- What about **funding**?



Thank You



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