



Small Actions, Big Waves

Welcome to our very first EcoMarines newsletter for 2026!

A new year is underway, and it's already shaping up to be a big one for EcoMarines. Across Queensland, students are stepping outside the classroom, rolling up their sleeves, and getting ready to explore, question, discover, and protect the environments they care about most.

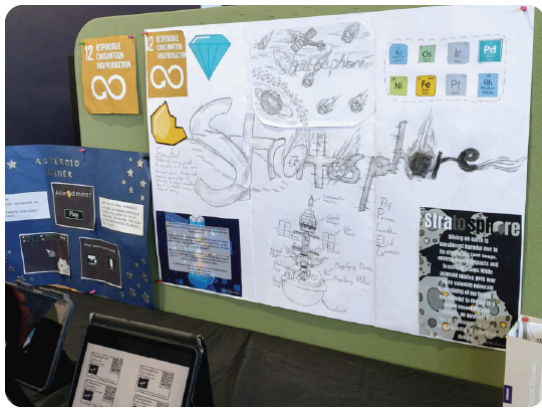
In 2026, our calendar is bursting with hands-on excursions, adventure days, in-school activities, and flagship events that bring sustainability learning to life. From coastlines to catchments, parklands to playgrounds, EcoMarines will be out and about supporting young people to build confidence, leadership, and a deeper connection to the natural world.



We're especially excited to be welcoming so many new schools into the EcoMarines community this year. To our returning schools, partners, sponsors, families, and supporters, thank you for continuing the journey with us. Your support helps make these experiences possible and ensures environmental education reaches more young people every year.

This newsletter is your window into what's ahead in 2026. We can't wait to share the stories, moments, and milestones as the year unfolds.

Coomera Rivers Trade Show Winner



Coomera Rivers State School, already a dedicated EcoMarines school, went above and beyond, hosting their very own trade show late last year! Students were able to submit their ideas for a sustainable future, which were then judged by a panel of qualified experts, including our very own EcoMarines representative!

The winner on the day, selected out of an impressive showing of innovative and sustainable ideas, was titled "Stratosphere" which came with its very own interactable game "Asteroid Miner". As the name suggests, the innovative solution was all to do with using resources from asteroids as an alternative to using unsustainable practices to get the same resources on earth. The group even went as far as detailing an asteroid with an estimated value of 10 Quintillion dollars, which could theoretically be sustainably mined.

There were many other great submissions as well, all of which had their own stands, demonstrations and interesting facts. The selection ranged from a television programme about sustainable energy, to alternative solutions for wildlife spotting, and even ocean-protecting robots, and forest rehabilitation drones.



What a fantastic initiative by Coomera Rivers State School! If you are interested in creating an event like this at your school, reach out to EcoMarines and we can help you get off to a great start.

Global Link 2026



One of the amazing opportunities for schools in 2026 is the annual Global Link event. Global Link is an amazing educational opportunity for both primary and secondary school students from around the globe, giving them a chance to discuss environmental issues with other students and environmental leaders.

Students are given a platform in which to deliver a presentation to an audience of peers, spectators and judges on an issue relating to their school, local community, country or on a global scale. At last years Global Link Event, EcoMarines schools championed the "Junior Students" segment, with Bulimba State School and St Anthony's Catholic College tying for first place, with Kurwongbah State School clinching second place in an overall extremely impressive showing.

The Tangalooma Global Link Australia 2026 event runs from the 29th of July, to the 31st and is already accepting registers and sign-ups from interested schools!

Link to Sign Up Page → <https://www.tangalooma.com/globalink>

Not only does Tangalooma Island Resort host Global Link, but they also provide extensive opportunities for education and nature-based excursions for schools that want to show their commitment to conservation and student development. These opportunities can be found on their ["School Excursions & Camps"](#) page.

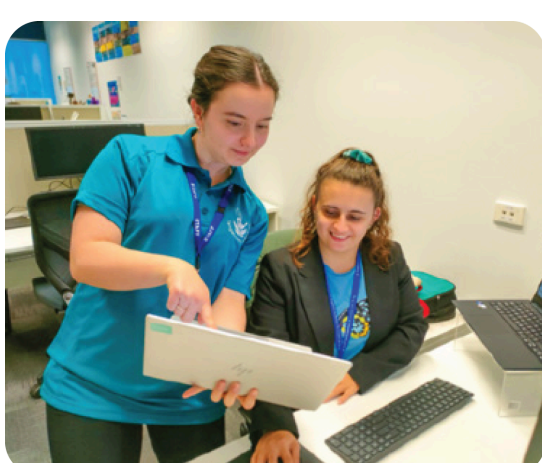


Teacher Spotlight

Michael Turnbull is an EcoMarines teacher worth celebrating! As a driving force at Redcliffe Special School, Michael's consistent leadership and passion for education were instrumental in the success of the school's "Waste Streaming Program."



Michael was inspired to join EcoMarines after seeing the impact the program had on his daughter during her time as a Clontarf Beach State School Ambassador. Combined with the impressive activities he witnessed at Tangalooma Island Resort, joining the team was an easy choice. To this day, Michael remains a dedicated EcoMarines teacher, and a shining example to his EcoMarines Ambassadors, who are making a real difference!



Not already an EcoMarines school?

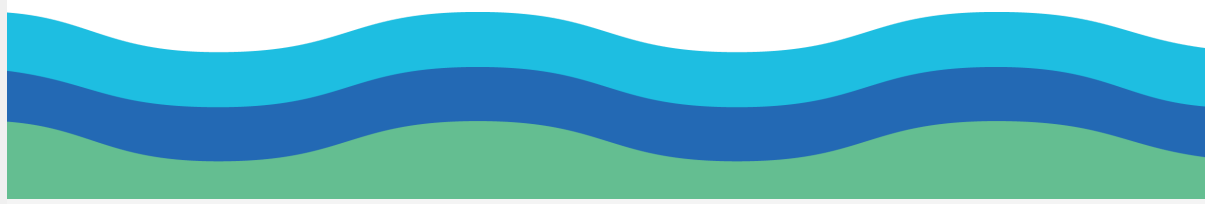
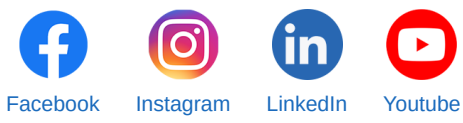
Now's the perfect time to jump in!

EcoMarines brings learning to life through hands-on adventures, exciting events and real-world action that students love. Join a growing community of schools making waves for our waterways and having a lot of fun along the way.

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