



**Beautification  
Trust** Connecting and  
Empowering Communities

# 2023 Education Prospectus

Environmental & Sustainability Education for  
tamariki and rangatahi in South & East Auckland



# Foreword

When I was a child, life was exciting and carefree. I had the best that a 90's childhood had to offer: double denim, jelly bracelets, fluorescent sugary drinks, and cartoons about anthropomorphic turtles. I swam in rivers, my primary mode of transport was walking, and I would call my friends on a landline. The world was small, cosy, safe, and ultimately full of wonder.

Today's kids exist in a hyper-connected world full of different wonders. They are part of global social networks powered by ultra-fast internet, and experience a vast world beyond just their physical surroundings. Their interests and concerns are expansive. More than ever, children are tuned into social justice, environmentalism and equality. Amid the pressures of climate catastrophe, children are becoming astoundingly influential and prising open opportunities towards a more just and sustainable future.

Our primary responsibility as adults, now, is to guide our rangatahi and tamariki to become connected, compassionate, creative, thoughtful, tenacious individuals who care deeply for the environment and people around them.

The Beautification Trust is a social enterprise on a mission to connect and empower communities to learn, love and look after our environment. One of our key impact focus areas is teaching and facilitating environmental and sustainability education in South & East Auckland.

We believe in a future where all people value nature, and this starts with inspiring the hearts and minds of our young people. We want to empower tamariki and rangatahi to become environmental heroes of the future.

Our programmes offer unique opportunities for young people to connect with local places, understand environmental issues and put their knowledge and creativity into practical action.

Each programme is free of charge for schools and students, as we believe all children should have access to environmental and sustainability education.

We look forward to helping you deliver incredible, unique and exciting experiences for your tamariki and rangatahi in 2023. Our team is here to help, so if you have any questions about our programmes or how we can work together, please feel free to reach out.

Although we think of ourselves as teachers, we have a lot to learn from the tenacity and creativity of our young people. Children are organising themselves as agents of change. Our role is to nurture their passion and give them the tools to make a lasting impact.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Sterling Ruwhiu**  
Community Educator  
Beautification Trust



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# Meet the team



**Dawn Crispe**  
Community Manager



**Sterling Ruwhiu**  
Community Educator



**Erin Bowers**  
Community Coordinator



**Carolyn Robinson**  
Waste Minimisation  
Specialist



**Emma Wilson**  
Pest Free & Zero Waste  
Activator



**Charlotte Smail**  
Volunteer & Schools  
Coordinator



# Eye on Nature School Days



**Monday 13 - Thursday 16 March 2023**  
**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

Nearly 1,500 primary students are invited to Auckland Botanic Gardens to learn from environmental experts and apply their knowledge with ongoing sustainable activities.

Eye on Nature School Days are completely free of charge for schools. To ensure equitable access, transport to and from the event by bus is provided at no cost to schools or students.

This free event encourages tamariki to connect with the environment and learn how to be more sustainable in everyday life.



<b>Cost</b>	<b>Year level</b>	<b>Project timeframe</b>
Free	Years 5 & 6	One day



# Why Eye on Nature School Days?

## Environmental Education

Students explore the Eye on Nature theme with hands-on, interactive learning experiences

## Education outside the classroom

Tamariki build a connection with nature, gain context for their learning and have a memorable experience

## Expert education partners

Partners like Auckland Museum and Sustainable Schools deliver engaging experiences for tamariki

## Equity

Participation is free of charge, including bus transport to and from the Auckland Botanic Gardens

## Watch: Eye on Nature School Days 2021





# Eye on Nature Wearable Arts



**Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 June 2023**  
**Due Drop Events Centre**

In this annual competition, students are challenged to create eco-friendly wearable art. As well as originality and effort, the creations are judged on the interpretation of the theme, use of sustainable materials, creative re-purposing of waste materials and the impact the garments have on the environment.

The garments are judged and \$3,500 in prizes are awarded at the Eye on Nature Wearable Arts Fashion Show. Students get the exhilarating experience of modelling their eco-friendly creations on a professional fashion runway in front of a live audience.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Year level</b>	<b>Project timeframe</b>
Free	Years 1 - 13	Term 1 & 2



# Why Wearable Arts?

## Environmental Education

Students explore the Eye on Nature theme, as well as the impacts of fashion on the environment

## Project-based learning

Students develop multiple skills including teamwork, design, construction, project management, meeting a brief, sourcing materials and much more

## Creativity

The creative interpretation of the theme is key to producing a winning a Wearable Arts garment

## Equity

Participation is free of charge for schools and students

## In-school workshops

Free workshops with our Community Educator offered to all participating schools

**Watch: Why your school should enter Eye on Nature Wearable Arts**





# Eye on Nature Creative Arts



**Saturday 23 September - Sunday 8 October**  
**Auckland Botanic Gardens**

Kindergarten and primary school students are challenged to create original artwork using sustainable materials and re-purposed waste. It's all about teaching tamariki to love the environment and live more sustainably in a fun and creative way!

The winning schools and kindergartens are awarded cash prizes, with a total prize pool worth \$2,550. All the entered artworks will be displayed at a free exhibition at the Auckland Botanic Gardens throughout the September/October school holidays, where the public can vote on their favourites for the People's Choice Award.

Cost	Year level	Project timeframe
Free	Kindergarten - Year 8	Term 3



# Why Creative Arts?

## Environmental Education

Students explore the Eye on Nature theme and creatively interpret their learning through art

## Project-based learning

Students develop multiple skills including teamwork, design, construction, project management, meeting a brief, sourcing materials and much more

## Creativity

The creative interpretation of the theme is key to producing a winning artwork

## Equity

Participation is free of charge for schools and students

## In-school workshops

Free workshops with our Community Educator offered to all participating schools





# Adopt a Park



## Schools take ownership of their local park

In partnership with Auckland Council Parks, delivers conservation activities to primary and secondary school ākonga through place-based learning.

Working together with



With our team, tamariki and rangatahi learn through interactive experiences on site and participate in environmental activities such as planting, animal pest monitoring, identification and eradication of pest weeds, collecting litter and water quality monitoring.

Schools are encouraged to engage with this programme throughout the school year, offering great opportunities to learn about seasonal environmental indicators.

Cost	Year level	Project timeframe
Free	Years 1 - 13	All year



# Community & Project Support



We empower schools to lead their own projects by offering a range of support options. For further guidance and free resources, check out our [Seven Steps for Running Your Own Environmental or Beautification Project](#).



### Tiaki Fund

Get a funding grant towards the cost of your school's environmental or beautification project.



### Community Tool Library

Borrow tools free of charge for your school's environmental or beautification project.



### Community Compost

Get free compost for environmental and beautification projects, or your school gardens.



### Creator Space

Free event space for hire with a meeting room and workshop. This is a great space for rangatahi to collaborate and work on their own projects.



# Conservation Workshops



## Help protect our taonga species

In partnership with Papakura and Manurewa Local Boards, we work with schools and community groups to make South Auckland pest free by 2050. Through learning how to monitor and trap animal pests, schools are helping to tackle environmental threats and regenerate natural spaces.

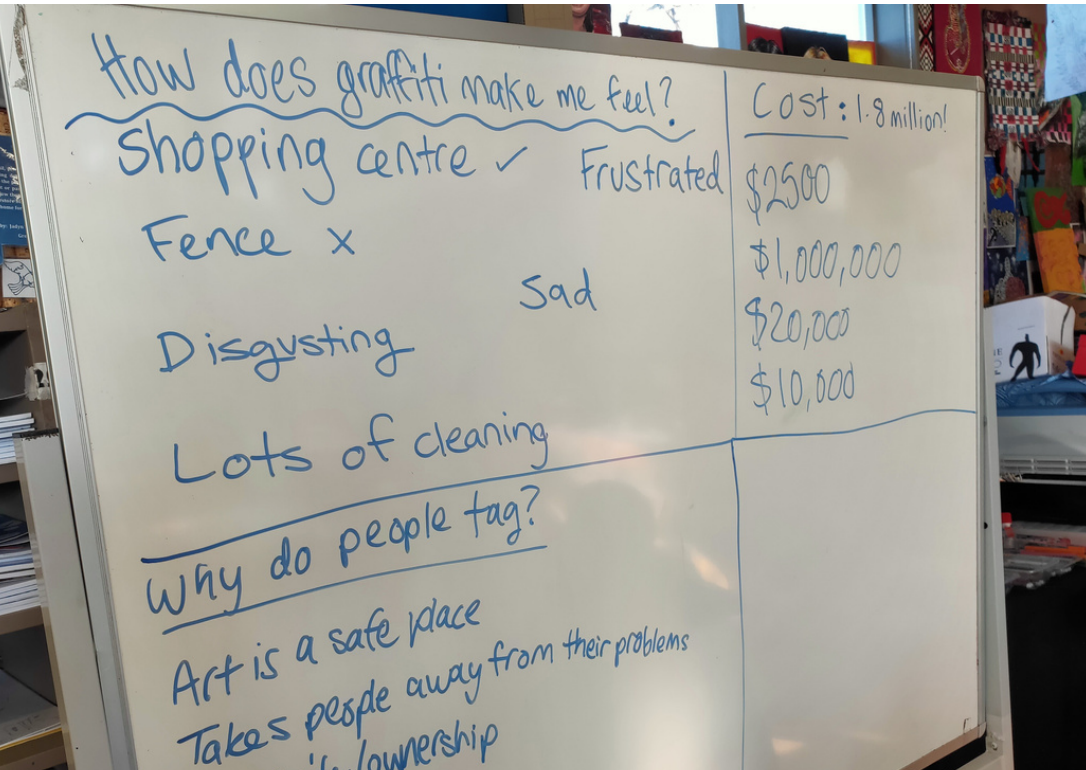
We facilitate conservation workshops in the classroom and out in the field. Ākonga learn about taonga species and conservation in a way that's tailored to their age group, combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills.



Cost	Year level	Project timeframe
Free in funded Local Board areas	Years 1 - 13	All year



# Graffiti Prevention & Murals



We hold in-school workshops for tamariki and rangatahi, exploring what graffiti vandalism is, why it happens, how it impacts their community and how they can help prevent it.

As part of our education programme, we also work with schools to create their own beautiful community murals. Collaborating with local artists, students work together to create their own artwork concepts and bring them to life. Our mural programme helps channel creative expression in a positive way, while giving students a sense of pride and belonging in their community.



Cost	Year level	Project timeframe
Free	All	Any



# Site tours



## Interactive climate and zero waste education workshops

We welcome classes of tamariki and rangatahi to join us for interactive tours and workshops at our Manurewa hub. They'll learn about simple actions they can take every day to reduce their climate impact and live more sustainably.

Throughout the day, ākonga will learn about kai, transport and the circular economy through hands-on experiences, including a site tour of our Community Recycling Centre.

Cost	Year level	Project timeframe
Free	Years 1 - 13	One day





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# About Us







# Beautification Trust

## OUR VISION

Inspire communities to love and respect the environment.

## OUR MISSION

Connect and empower communities to learn, love and look after our environment.

## OUR VALUES

### Kaitiakitanga

We are guardians, protecting and keeping safe what we have been entrusted.

### Community (hapori)

We collaborate, working together to empower our community.

### Integrity (ngākau pono)

We act with trust and honesty.

### Care (manaakitanga)

We respect others, give support and show kindness.

### Can do (auahatanga)

We create, innovate and are proactive.

## OUR KEY IMPACTS

Communities have pride and feel safe

The environment is healthier and cleaner

Communities are connected and empowered

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Beautification Trust contributes to six of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.





## Memberships



*A member of*  
**ENVIRONMENT  
HUBS AOTEAROA**  
Collaboration for local solutions



## Accreditations & Awards



The Beautification Trust is a registered charity with the New Zealand Charities Commission (CC21978) and an Ākina certified social enterprise. Since 2001, we've been leading beautification projects, community events and environmental education all over South and East Auckland.



A photograph of a blue and white bird, possibly a New Zealand Starling, perched on a branch with yellow flowers. The bird has a dark blue body and a white ruff around its neck. The background is a soft-focus green.

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