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Moreton Bay Studies

Year 11 Program

Marine Science - Unit 2 Marine Biology

Learning Intentions

Students, in the role of marine scientists, conduct a scientific inquiry of the Moreton Bay marine ecosystem evaluating the effectiveness of the Marine National Park zone around St Helena Island by:

- Conducting an ecological survey of sites in Moreton Bay
- Determining species diversity using Simpson's diversity index
- Analyse the data to determine the effects of environmental factors on species abundance and distribution using a correlation matrix
- Test the significance of the effects using t-Tests
- Evaluating processes and limitations of investigation techniques

	Time	Activity
	8.30	Students arrive at Manly Boat Harbour, William Gunn Jetty – Wyvernleigh Close, Manly Vessel safety briefing and outline of the day's proceedings
	8.45-9.15	Transfer to Saint Helena Island Groups 1 and 2 complete data prediction task Group 2 disembark on St Helena Island for data analysis session (student laptops required)
	9.15-11.30	 Group 1 – Data collection – At the study site Group 1 work together to: complete research data cards deploy glider and make initial observations of benthos deploy the Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) appraise ecological surveying techniques recover the BRUV and download the video record (Note – 10:00 am deploy BRUV 1)
)	9.15-11.30	 Group 2 – Data analysis Biodiversity (Simspon's diversity index) Abiotic effects on abundance and distribution (includes lunch and toilets)
	11.45	Dock at St Helena Island
	12.00-2.00	Group 2 – Data collection (as above) (Note – 10:00 am deploy BRUV 2) Group 1 Data Analysis (as above, includes lunch and toilets)
	2.00	Dock at St Helena Island Group 1 board Inspiration
	2.30	Return to Manly and board bus to school



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Students will need:

- Covered footwear
- Sun-safe clothing and hat
- Sunscreen and insect repellent already applied
- Water bottle
- Morning tea and lunch
- Clipboard and pencil

Litter-free Lunch

We encourage students and staff to pack a litter-free lunch. Everything in it can be re-used, composted or recycled. Drinks are brought in refillable bottles.

Location Maps

William Gunn Jetty, Manly - Corner Fairlead Cres and Esplanade, Manly







