



Program: The Seasonal Song of the Gardens

A Seasonal Nature Immersion at Noosa Botanic Gardens

2026 Educator's Info & Pricing Pack

The Vision

At **Big Scrub Nature Play**, we believe that the best classroom has no walls. Having facilitated nature play and forest school sessions for the past seven years, we have seen firsthand how consistent time in nature builds resilience, curiosity, and a deep sense of belonging in children.

"**The Seasonal Song of the Gardens**" is an invitation to slow down. Rather than a one-off excursion, this is a sequence of four immersive sessions that allow children to witness the transformation of the Noosa hinterland across the seasons.

The 2026 Seasonal Calendar

This is an example of what our seasonal visits might focus on.

Season	Theme	Botanical Highlights

Spring	The Great Awakening	Pollinators & the Golden Bouquet Tree.
Summer	The Cooling Canopy	Deep rainforest shade & Elephant Ear Figs.
Autumn	Transformation	Fungi & the rusty "knees" of the Swamp Cypress.
Winter	The Whispering Woods	Seedpods & honey-scented Macadamias.

The Session Rhythm (2 Hours)

1. **Acknowledge & Arrive:** A sensory "tuning-in" circle under our meeting tree.
 2. **Guided Wandering:** Investigating the garden's "seasonal secrets" at the child's pace.
 3. **Nature Play & Craft:** Hands-on creation using sustainable, botanical materials.
 4. **Collaborative Storytelling:** A shared narrative experience tailored to the group's age.
 5. **Closing Circle:** Reflective sharing and a seasonal herbal tea.
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2026 Pricing & Packages

We offer transparent pricing designed to fit both small ELC budgets and larger primary school cohorts.

Option 1: Primary School Flat Rate

Best for classes of 20–30 students.

- **Per Session:** \$650 per class.
- **Seasonal Bundle (4 Sessions):** \$2,340 (*Save 10% - works out to \$585 per session*).

Option 2: ELC & Small Group Rate

Best for Early Learning Centres or multi-age groups.

- **Per Session:** \$30 per child (Minimum 15 children).
- **Seasonal Bundle (4 Sessions):** \$100 per child (*Save \$20 per child*).

What is Included?

- **Expert Facilitation:** Led by a Nature Play specialist with 2 years of local site experience.
 - **All Materials:** Premium clay, botanical dyes, charcoal, and craft findables.
 - **The Class Garden Journal:** A high-quality, eco-recycled journal to document the year.
 - **Admin Support:** Full Risk Management (RAMS) and Curriculum Mapping provided.
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Curriculum & Safety

- **EYLF Alignment:** Outcomes 2, 4, and 5 (World connection, learning, and communication).

- **Australian Curriculum (V9.0):** Biological Sciences, Geography, and The Arts.
 - **Safety:** Facilitator holds a current **Blue Card, First Aid (Education Setting),** and **\$20M Public Liability Insurance.**
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Logistics at a Glance

- **Location:** Noosa Botanic Gardens, Lake Macdonald Drive.
 - **Meeting Point:** Under the large **Jacaranda Tree** by the Garden's Plant Nursery.
 - **Facilities:** Toilets and water refill stations are available on-site.
 - **Weather:** We play in the rain! (However, sessions are rescheduled in the event of dangerous storms or high winds).
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How to Secure Your 2026 Journey

1. **Check Availability:** Contact Lidia at hello@bigscrubnatureplay.com or on 0458 463 974.
2. **Select Your Dates:** We recommend booking one date per term to capture the full seasonal cycle.
3. **Confirm & Prep:** Receive your **Teacher's Welcome Pack** and **Pre-Visit Story** to share with your students.

A Note on Funding:

Many local schools utilize the *Queensland Kindergarten Funding Scheme* or apply for *Noosa Council Environment Grants* to subsidize this program. We are happy to assist with the "Statement of Intent" for your grant applications.

"To play in nature is to listen to the heartbeat of the world."