

TURTLE WATCH

School Accreditation *process*

Accreditation process:

1. Schools can apply annually, any time of the year, using the 'Turtle Watch School Accreditation Application' form.
2. Schools apply through the Australian Association for Environmental Education WA Chapter (AAEE WA) Turtle Watch (TW) site when the criteria have been achieved. See criteria below.
3. Schools need to provide basic evidence related to the criteria they have addressed e.g. photographic evidence of lesson/workshop in progress, link to school website information, copy of media publications.
4. Each application needs to include at least one photo that has school approval to be uploaded onto the AAEE WA TW site, to contribute to the Turtle Watch story. This photo needs to be clearly identified as 'approved for uploading'.
5. Upon AAEE WA TW Committee approval of the application, a digital copy of the TW certificate will be emailed to the successful school. Schools frame their own certificates.
6. AAEE WA TW Committee will list all accredited schools on the AAEE WA TW website, including name and address of school, name of TW teacher contact, date of accreditation.

At least three of the following criteria need to be achieved by a school to be awarded 'Turtle Watch School Accreditation':

1. Participate in a wetlands/bushland planting activity.
2. Collect litter from a waterway environment.
3. Evidence of monitoring oblong turtle nesting sites.
4. Conduct at least one Turtle Watch lesson addressing e.g. external features, habitat, life cycle, threats.
5. Conduct at least one Turtle Watch lesson addressing links with Noongar culture and knowledge.
6. Conduct a Turtle Watch theme event at an assembly to launch the nesting season.
7. One class commit to being the Turtle Watch program leader and do at least two feature articles in the school's newsletter or over the PA during the active season.
8. Design a Turtle Watch poster for display somewhere around the school or beyond.
9. Have a Turtle Watch display in the main foyer of the school/local shopping or eco centre for the wider community for one week during Term 1 or Term 4.
10. Create, label and display oblong turtle artworks.
11. Create, label and display oblong turtle diorama with model turtles and habitat depicted.
12. Students present a workshop for a different audience to teach others about oblong turtles.
13. Participate in a fund raising activity for Turtle Watch.
14. Other – upon prior approval from the Turtle Watch Committee.

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Tick at least three of the following activities your school has completed during the last year:

Tick	Turtle Watch Activities	Date Completed	Evidence Attached
e.g. ✓	Participate in a wetlands/bushland planting activity.	23/6/14	Link to school website news
e.g. ✓	Collect litter from a waterway environment.	16/11/14	Photo of students collecting
	Participate in a wetlands/bushland planting activity.		
	Collect litter from a waterway environment.		
	Evidence of monitoring oblong turtle nesting site.		
	Conduct at least one Turtle Watch lesson addressing e.g. external features, habitat, life cycle, threats.		
	Conduct at least one Turtle Watch lesson addressing links with Noongar culture and knowledge.		
	Conduct a Turtle Watch theme event at an assembly to launch the nesting season.		
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	Design a Turtle Watch poster for display somewhere around the school or beyond.		
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	Create, label and display oblong turtle artworks.		
	Create, label and display oblong turtle diorama with model turtles and habitat depicted.		
	Students present a workshop for a different audience to teach others about oblong turtles.		
	Participate in a fund raising activity for Turtle Watch.		
	Other – prior approval from the Turtle Watch Committee required.		

Name and Address of School: _____

Name and Email of Contact Person: _____

Please email the completed form and evidence to: info@aaeewa.org.au and mark to the attention of: Turtle Watch Committee Convenor.

Thank you for your participation in this vital conservation initiative.