



BRISBANE SOUTH MARINE STUDIES PROJECT

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A Consultancy service follows seminars where information where teachers can hold a phone conference or come to our centre to see at first hand programmes running in classes. Over 200 students do Marine Studies at Benowa State High School 5 days a week, and a teacher who visits Benowa can sit in their choice of any number of classes." On Fridays, Keebra Park runs its Boating, Fishing, Surf Survival and Snorkelling Programmes, while Mondays and Thursdays Merrimac have their programmes operating. The TAFE college is close by and staff from that college are willing to discuss the initiatives and problems we have encountered with TAFE-Sec Marine Courses

Information Booklet

No. 1

Aims of the Programme

This booklet describes
what we are trying to achieve over a 5 year period.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Three programmes have been operating since the project started:

THE AIMS OF THE PROJECT

We aim to provide to any interested organisation or individual:

- * Marine Studies notes suitable for students to use in the classroom.
- * Specific Objectives that students can use to study from at night.
- * Workbooks that teachers can use in the classroom on which to focus learning.
- * Examination papers that match specific objectives and work programmes.
- * Excursion ideas that link workbook sections together and make learning more meaningful and practical programmes to suit extended timetabling.
- * Sample work programmes that match these notes and of which the Board of Secondary School Studies approves.
- * A Syllabus document that can act as a "springboard" for other ideas.
- * Information on TAFE / Sec Marine Studies programmes.
- * The resources necessary to conduct Marine Studies programmes for local schools
- * Additional curriculum materials specific to our region.
- * Information on other Marine Studies Projects in Australia and Overseas
- * Professional assistance and inservice education in the fields of Marine Studies Curriculum Development and Resource Management

The Curriculum Development Programme seeks to put low cost booklets into student's hands. Practical teacher resource manuals are used to explain the booklets and to assist the teacher by providing sample R.O.S.B.A. specific objectives, examination papers and excursion ideas. As well there is a teachers guide which details the units and provides a sample workbook.

The Building and Resources Programme has built a model Marine Studies Centre at Benowa State High School, with S.T.E.P. and local community funds. A trailer of boats, motors, snorkelling, navigating, marine communications and Marine Science equipment is housed at that centre which is shared with Keebra Park, Merrimac, Southport, Miami State High School's, the local TAFE college and community. Keebra Park is setting up a fishing, boating and marine communications units and Merrimac High, a "Surf Survival" programme. All equipment is shared on a "User Hires" basis to generate sufficient funds to keep the programme going.

The Teacher Development Programme seeks to motivate and inspire teachers to begin a Marine Studies subject at their school as well as making them environmentally aware of the Marine Environment. This programme has made three initiatives:

- (a) We have formed a State Association of Marine Educators to tap Q.U.I.N.S.E.C funding and communicate with each other by a newsletter. Cost of membership is \$12.00.
- (b) We are conducting our own Regional Workshop from 21 - 24 November to explain the curriculum materials and allow teachers to see our building and resources at first hand. Also for teachers in other regions we are conducting regional workshops at:

Mackay: June 4/5th
Gladstone: October 10/11th
Townsville: October 22/23rd
Cairns: October 24/25th
Bamaga: October 26/27th
Thurs Is: October 28/29th
- (c) We are hosting a gathering of Marine Educators from around Australia on the Gold Coast from November 29th - December 2nd. At this workshop we hope to lay the foundations for Marine Education in this country.