

TITLE: Ocean Life Mural

Patterns under the water at the Bluff.

SUBJECT: Students draw pictures of local marine life then work together to create a mural.

OBJECTIVE:

After viewing pictures of various types of marine life from the images on this CD students create a mural depicting creatures that live around the coast of Barwon Heads.

KEY WORDS: mural, marine, life, reef, animals, vertebrates, invertebrates, algae, fish,

MATERIALS:

- computers with CD-Rom or Internet access
- library sources
- construction paper
- a roll of large paper (brown, white, or if available, blue)
- Art materials (crayons, markers, paint, etc.)
- Glue

Time Required: 2 1/2hrs to 5 weeks

PROCEDURE:

- Plan your idea. Create at least three thumbnail sketches of ideas.
- Explain the meaning of the word *mural*. If possible, show student's examples of murals from art books or other sources.

Tell students that they are going to create a mural showing creatures in the ocean. Have students view pictures of sea life from the Living on the Edge CD or from other sources:

- [Life Above the Waves](#)
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 - [Habitats](#)
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- After students have viewed the pictures, tell them to choose one they would like to add to the mural. (Note: Have each student choose a different creature in a scene to add variety to the mural.) Have students draw and color their pictures on large sheets of paper.
 - Have students cut out their pictures. Unroll the large paper to the length desired. Have students paste the pictures in different spots on the laid out sheet of paper.
 - Once this process is complete you can rub pastel on the back of the drawn paper.
 - You tape this to a large sheet of Visi Board and the students trace the images onto the board just using a biro, so that they can see where they have drawn.
 - Then using bright acrylic house paint you get the students to paint it in. Working with small groups painting their section.
 - When complete you may like to use a number 4 flat ended art brush and outline some images in black. This will link the images together having a strong focus on the element 0 line.
 - Once complete you can screw this onto a school wall.

