

PONTOON: THE POLYSTYRENE WHITE DISASTER SPILL

Educators notes:

The education resources have been developed to accompany the documentary:
[Pontoon: The Polystyrene White Disaster Spill](#)

The resources:

The lessons have been created to support teachers in delivering the documentary in a classroom setting.

Curriculum links:

The curriculum links are identified to support the lessons, there are many different possibilities to link the documentary into your teaching and learning curriculum.

The activities have been designed to differentiate between year levels; they are staged to encompass simple starting points that graduate into student-led investigations.

Quality Questioning:

The use of questions is important when sharing this education material as it develops critical thinking skills and helps to facilitate discussions with students. The use of questions assists in the lessons being adaptable across the levels from years 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. The students will have different entry points in the discussions and offer an open ended approach to the delivery of the lessons.

The documentary is a powerful story of the impacts of climate change and ocean plastics. It shows community action, council action and community engagement. With a future of climate change and environmental disasters this documentary provides a sound resource to develop our students as 21 century learners.