

What costs are there?

There are no costs involved for participating in the program.

Schools are responsible for transport to and from our activities and providing the appropriate level of support for all the students.

Note: Volunteers assist the students with the technical aspects of fishing in a safe environment, but do not provide personal care support required by a qualified teacher or education assistant.

Copies of the Fishability insurance policies and Certificates of Currency can be located at: <https://fishability.org.au/policies-and-publications/>

What to bring to a Fishability activity?

We urge children are dressed in accordance to the weather conditions and with enclosed shoes. All of our activities are SunSmart and we encourage all participants, support workers and volunteers to adhere to our SunSmart policy and wear suitable clothing for the conditions.

How can I book the Fishability School Aged Children's Program?

Students can attend an activity already scheduled - see Fishability's Calendar of Events at www.fishability.org.au/events-calendar or a tailored event can be arranged for you.

For further information please contact:

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For more general information visit:
www.fishability.org.au or <https://fishability.org.au/act-belong-commit-fishability-schools-program/>



Fishability School Aged Children's Program



**Catch a fish!
Have fun!
Learn new skills!**



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Fishing is one of the most popular recreational activities in Australia.

Fishability is a West Australian not for profit organisation that works with the community to promote fishing activities as a means of acceptance and inclusion for people with disabilities.

With support from a team of volunteers, and the use of modified rods, reels and vessels, we offer fishing experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

What is the Fishability School Aged Children's Program?

Building upon Fishability's weekly recreational fishing activities catering for adults in the community living with disability, Fishability now offers recreational fishing activities to students with special needs in WA. This may include those that attend an Education Support Centre or participate in mainstream schooling.

What ages is the program best suited to?

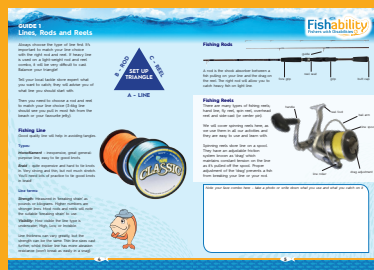
The program is aimed at upper primary school and high school students with special needs who may require support to go fishing.

We recommend the children are a minimum height of 1.2 metres high to participate, however Fishability will have Personal Flotation Devices available to wear.

How is the program supported?

Fishability provides all of the equipment including fishing rods and reels, bait, safety and first aid equipment, chairs etc. We also have Personal Flotation Devices (life jackets) available for students to wear.

In addition, students are issued with a Fishability Educational Resource Book which is a tool to be used on activity day and back at the classroom. Digital copies can be found at: https://fishability.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Fishability-booklet-proof_6.pdf



Who are our volunteers?

Fishability volunteers are all passionate about serving their community and have an extensive knowledge of fishing and the environment.

ALL of our volunteers hold Working with Children Cards and are police checked and fully insured under the Fishability policies.



How will your students benefit?

Students attending:

- Gain valuable life skills and independence;
- Learn about their environment, fish species, weather conditions etc;
- Increase self-confidence and socialisation skills from interaction with our volunteers;
- Experience the joy of catching a fish!

Where are the fishing locations?

The program is held at jetty locations throughout the Perth metropolitan corridors, Albany, Busselton, Mandurah and Geraldton.



“ Thank you to all your volunteers today, we enjoyed our fishing trip. Lucky we took some photos of that Bream because no one believed us back at school! Hope to see you again soon.”

- Peter & students from Carson Street School