



Australian Government

Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority



Careers on the Reef

Virtual Learning Experiences

Program overview:

Discover the various career pathways of a selection of staff working at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Reef Authority) and at Reef HQ Aquarium.

The Reef Authority is the Australian Government’s lead agency responsible for the management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Reef HQ Aquarium is the Reef Authority’s education centre for the Great Barrier Reef.

Gain an understanding of the wide range of employment opportunities that exist within Reef HQ Aquarium. If you thought it was all about feeding the fish, think again. We take a close look at retail, sales, education, curatorial, water quality and trades, showing what is required to run a successful tourism facility, and discussing the work experience and study pathways that may be required to work in these fields.

Then through brief recorded interviews with other Reef Authority staff, discover how Reef managers, scientists, legal officers, and other professionals in a range of fields, are all working together to protect the Great Barrier Reef.

Please note: this program can be tailored to suit students’ learning needs and curriculum requirements.

Program duration: 60 minutes

Program cost: AUD \$155.00 (Inc. GST)

Australian Curriculum Links:

Year	Subject	Code
9	Work Studies	ACWSCL014

Cross-curricular priorities:



Sustainability

How do I book?

Complete the [Booking Request Form](#) and email it to education@gbmpa.gov.au.

Note: your booking is not confirmed until you receive a booking confirmation email from the Reef Education team.

Questions?

Please refer to our [Virtual Learning Experiences](#) page, or email education@gbmpa.gov.au.





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Careers on the Reef program outline:

Runtime: 60 minutes *Timings are indicative only.

	Time Allocation (minutes)	Outline	Teacher Notes
Pre-presentation set-up	5 minutes prior to session start time	Audio-visual check	Camera – teacher to set up the camera so presenters can see students. Microphone – check that microphone is connected and working. If one class is connecting , please leave your microphone unmuted so that presenter can ask questions throughout the session. If multiple classes are connecting , please mute your microphones and host will advise teacher to unmute during question time.
Welcome and Introduction	0-5min (5 min)	Meet the Reef Education host. Acknowledgement of Country and First Nations people. Explain format of the session. Introduction to the Great Barrier Reef, home to a diversity of animals.	Acknowledgement of Country – if known teacher/student could acknowledge the First Nation people’s country where they are situated.
Welcome and introduction	5-10 min (5 min)	Overview of the Reef Authority’s role in managing the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Reef HQ Aquarium’s role as the Education Centre for the Great Barrier Reef.	Teacher to help facilitate questions throughout the session by selecting students to ask/answer questions and by unmuting and muting microphone, as necessary.
Careers at Reef HQ Aquarium	10-35 min (25 min)	Roles of staff at Reef HQ Aquarium – curatorial, aquarist, water quality officer, technical operations and trades, commercial diver, education, interpretation, retail, sales and marketing, and administration.	
Careers at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	35-55min (20 min)	Other roles at the Reef Authority, including but not limited to, field management, digital marketing, legal services, and fisheries management.	
Summary	55-60 min (5 min)	The presenter will close with a summary.	

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