



The logo for the Dark Sky Project Education Programme is centered at the top. It features the words 'DARK SKY' in a large, white, sans-serif font, with the letters 'D', 'A', 'R', 'S', 'K', and 'Y' arranged in a staggered, triangular pattern. Below this, the word 'PROJECT' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath 'PROJECT', the words 'EDUCATION PROGRAMME' are written in a white, sans-serif font. The background of the top half of the page is a photograph of two large, white, dome-shaped observatories in a dark, mountainous landscape under a starry night sky. The Milky Way is visible in the sky.

# DARK SKY PROJECT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

## ABOUT DARK SKY PROJECT

**Nā tā pō, ko te ao, ko te ao mārama** – From the darkest depths of the night we become enlightened.

At Dark Sky Project, we connect manuhiri (visitors) to our night skies, igniting a lifelong passion for dark sky preservation and what lies above.

We're proud to be regarded as leaders in astrotourism and stargazing experiences.

Takapō (Tekapo) and the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve are home to some of the world's darkest skies. It may be one of the quietest spots on the planet, yet it has one of the liveliest skies in the world.

## OUR OFFERING

We offer a range of outdoor and indoor education options, designed to offer primary and secondary school students a hands-on experience, centered around science and the stories of our Southern Skies.

For each of our experiences, the content covered can be adapted to suit the curriculum and learning objectives of the students attending.



**Location:**

1 Motuariki Lane, Takapō (Tekapo), Canterbury



**Amenities:**

Toilets, bus drop off area, and student bag storage all available at base building.



**Other information:**

All indoor experiences are wheelchair accessible. Enquire with us regarding accessibility requests for our outdoor options.





## OUTDOOR STARGAZING EXPERIENCES

### COWAN'S HILL CRATER STARGAZING

An exclusive stargazing experience from our private Cowan's Hill Observatory.

Nestled in a giant purpose-built crater to provide maximum wind protection and minimum light pollution, our expert astronomy guides will enhance students' knowledge and understanding of our Southern Skies with our powerful optical telescopes.



**Duration:**

1h+15mins transport



**Ages:**

From 5-18+



**Group Size:**

Minimum 10

Maximum 30



**Price:**

From \$49 per student



**Duration:**

1h+30mins transport



**Ages:**

From 7-18+



**Group Size:**

Minimum 15

Maximum 22



**Price:**

From \$99 per student

## INDOOR EXPERIENCES

All indoor experiences are situated in our indoor purpose-built experience zone.

### DARK SKY EXPERIENCE

A cultural outlook on astronomy and a treat for the senses. The Dark Sky Experience merges science and tatai aroraki (Māori astronomy) in a 'Big Bang' of awe and inspiration.



**Duration:**

45mins-1hr



**Ages:**

From 5-18+



**Group Size:**

Minimum 10

Maximum 26



**Price:**

From \$15 per student



**Duration:**

45mins-1hr



**Ages:**

From 5-18+



**Group Size:**

Minimum 10

Maximum 26



**Price:**

From \$19 per student

### INDOOR ASTRONOMY FULL EXPERIENCE

The best of both worlds! Students will begin their learning experience with a look at tatai aoraki (Māori astronomy), followed by core concepts of astronomy.



**Duration:**

1hr30mins



**Ages:**

From 7-18+



**Group Size:**

Minimum 10

Maximum 26



**Price:**

From \$35 per student

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