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# FOCUS WEEKS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOCUS WEEKS CONTINUED

### **Ecosystems**

In Ecosystems, students investigate the relationships that occur between organisms living together in ecosystems. They develop an in-depth understanding of how energy flows through an ecosystem and how it must be replaced to maintain the sustainability of the system.

### **Writers' Workshop**

Writers' Workshop links Year 9 students with a Junior School "buddy" with whom they meet with throughout the week. Based on the Junior School student's interests, the Year 9 student writes a children's narrative using age appropriate language and literary devices. Year 9 students are exposed to a range of artistic techniques relevant to illustrating a children's book, including painting, scrapbooking and creating images digitally. The final illustrated product is presented as a gift to the Junior School student at the conclusion of the week.