



Helpful information for your excursion

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's Nature Ed

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary aims to provide a unique, hands-on learning experience for developmental stages from Kindergarten to university age students.

The experiences are aligned to the Australian Curriculum and teach pro-active ways students can make positive changes in our natural environment.

Links to the Curriculum are available from our website [here](#) .

External Provider Information

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff, who conduct education experiences, hold a Blue Card for working with children and young people.

Our education officers hold a variety of tertiary qualifications and are experienced environmental educators.

Public Liability

Insurer: XL Insurance Company SE

Amount: Public Liability \$50,000,000 Any One Occurrence

Transport

It is the responsibility of the school to organise their own transport to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Chartered buses and coaches can proceed to the drop off zone at the front entrance of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary to allow children to disembark safely.

Bus parking bays are clearly marked on the opposite side of the street from the front entrance on Tomewin Street.



Facilities

Curumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, located near Southern Queensland's coastal beaches is spread over 27 hectares and houses over 1000 animals. Curumbin Wildlife Sanctuary also has a wildlife hospital, treating over 9000 wild animals a year and manages conservation and breeding programs for many endangered animals.

Download park map from our website [here](#).

Toilets

Toilet facilities are clearly marked on our park map. Toilets are accessible to the general public and are checked regularly by our cleaners.

Student Lunches

- We suggest that students bring a small back pack (can be shared between 2 or 3 students) with their lunch and a water bottle which they can carry during the day.
- We do not have a location for lunches to be left during the day.
- Water bottles can be refilled during the day at water fountains. Check the Sanctuary map for locations.
- Please ensure all rubbish is put into the bins provided.

Where to eat

Schools that bring their own lunch can eat at a range of locations:

- Australiana Sheep Shearing Show seating at X7 on the western side of the Sanctuary – it is available after 11.15am (shaded)*.
- Free Flight Bird Show seating at V6 on the western side of the Sanctuary – it is available after 11.45am (shaded)*.
- Aboriginal Dance Ground seating at P14 in the centre of the Sanctuary available before 3.00pm (partly shaded)*.

*during school holidays and other events there may be additional shows running at these locations which make them unavailable during show times. Please confirm availability on check in. Please note that the white tent is booked for tour groups for lunch most days and café seating is for café patrons only.



Weather

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is primarily an outdoor venue with some enclosed learning spaces. It is suggested students bring a rain jacket if showers are predicted. Schools may reschedule bookings due to weather. **Please ensure the education department gets notified no later than 9am on the day of the visit.**

Nature Ed (additional) Experiences

Each school has the opportunity to book a range of experiences which are presented by an education officer exclusively for your school. See our Nature Ed brochure [here](#) or flyer [here](#) for more details.

Special Needs

Please advise if your students have any special needs so that we can accommodate you during your visit. Our staff ratio for special needs students includes one free of charge teacher to two paying students.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers the use of wheelchairs at no cost (ID held until the wheel chair return). Please note requirement on booking form.

Student Supervision

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure students are **actively and effectively supervised** during their visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. We encourage the excursion coordinator to develop a supervisory plan that will ensure students are accompanied throughout their visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

It is compulsory that students in Kindergarten - Year 8 are allocated to groups with a supervising adult for the duration of their visit to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

We encourage senior school groups (Year 9 - 12, tertiary), to meet throughout the day at a pre-determined location around the sanctuary. We ask that teachers maintain a visible profile to your senior students while they are at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.



To assist in supervision, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers schools the following supervisor / student ratios:

Age group of Student	Free of Charge Adult: Supervision Ratio
Special Needs	1:2
Primary School	1:5
High School	1:10
Adult	1:10 (supervision not required)

Areas of the park that require special supervision include:

- Blinky Bill's Tree House
- Wild Island (please note that secondary school students are not permitted in Wild Island as it is designed for 0-12 year olds).
- Kangaroo Paddock at A11
- Riding on the train (**all school students must be under active and effective adult supervision on the train**)
- Gift shops

Misconduct may result in the immediate expulsion of students from the sanctuary grounds. Schools or individuals may be required to pay for any damage or costs incurred.

Health and Safety

- In areas where students are given the opportunity to touch animals, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary provides toilets and hand sanitizing stations. Please ensure your students wash their hands after touching or feeding animals.
- **It is particularly important that visitors do not feed or interfere with our animals.**
- Should first aid be required, please go directly to a Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff member or volunteer for assistance.
- Many Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary staff hold first aid certificates and can utilise the radio for immediate communication should the safety or welfare of a student be at risk.
- You can download Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuaries Risk Register [here](#).



Emergency Response Plan

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has a documented emergency response plan in place. Points covered in the document:

- Evacuation and exit gate procedures
- Fire Warden protocol
- Coded alarm system for potential life threatening situations e.g. fire, serious first aid incident, dangerous animal escape, or bomb threat.

In the event of an emergency, please contact a staff member or volunteer immediately.

Student Behaviour

Below are some simple reminders for your students:

1. Please be courteous to animals and other visitors (please consider your group's volume around animals and visitors).
2. Please be safe on the train by keeping all arms legs and head within the train carriage. **(All school students must be under active and effective adult supervision on the train)**
3. Do not feed or interfere with the wild or captive animals within Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.
4. Place all rubbish in the bins provided.
5. Random animal photo opportunities, offered after presentations, are for public guests only; therefore we ask that students are directed away from these photo areas.
6. Gift Shops: If students would like to 'go shopping' they are more than welcome to do so; however we ask that classes are divided into groups of no larger than 10, and are accompanied by a teacher/carer exercising effective supervision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Nature Ed team on 07 5534 0895 or education@cws.org.au

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.