

Excursion Management

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 linked to the Australian Curriculum and provides 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 Catlin

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

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, located near Southern Queensland's coastal beaches is spread over 27 hectares and houses over 700 wildlife species. Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary also holds a wildlife hospital, treating over 8000 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. These toilets are accessible to the general public and are checked regularly by out cleaners.
Student Lunches	<p>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.</p> <p>We do not have a location for lunches to be left during the day.</p> <p>Water bottles can be refilled during the day at water fountain. Check the Sanctuary map for locations.</p>
Where to eat	<p>Schools who are bringing their own lunch can eat at a range of locations in the Sanctuary.</p> <p>Free Flight Bird Show seating #37 on the western side of the Sanctuary– it is available after 11.15am (shaded)*</p> <p>Australiana Sheep Shearing Show seating #38 on the western side of the Sanctuary – it is available after 11.45am (shaded)*</p> <p>Aboriginal Dance Ground seating #35 in the centre of the Sanctuary (partly shaded)*</p> <p>*at certain times (during school holidays and other events) there may be additional shows running at these locations which make them unavailable at the show times. Please confirm availability on check in.</p> <p>Please ensure all rubbish is put into the bins provided.</p> <p>Please note that the Red Tent is booked for tour groups for lunch most days and café seating is for café patrons only</p>
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.
Visit	
Strategies	Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is able to accommodate your school visit in a number of ways. Please let us know if you require further information.

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 for more details.

Additional educational resources are available for teachers on our website [here](#).

Self-Guided Visits Use our park [map](#), and suggested list of shows to help you plan your day.

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 wheel chairs at no cost (ID held until the wheel chair return). Please note requirement on booking book.

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.

Misconduct may result in the immediate expulsion of students from the zoo grounds, and may be required to pay for damage or costs incurred.

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

Age Group Student	Free of Charge Adult: Supervision ratio
Special Needs	1:2
Primary School	1.5
High	1:10
Adult	1:10 (supervision not required)

It is compulsory that students in years K- 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 through the day at a pre-determined location around the park. We

ask that teachers please maintain a visible profile to your students while they are at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

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
- Riding on the train (**School students must be under active and effective adult supervision on the train**)
- Gift shops

Health and Safety Currumbin wildlife sanctuary provides toilets and special sanitising gel stations, where students are given the opportunity to touch animals. Please ensure your students wash their hands.

It is particularly important that visitors do not feed or interfere with our animals.

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.

Should first aid be required, please go directly to a CWS staff member or volunteer for assistance.

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 people .(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. **(School students must be under active and effective adult supervision on the train)**
3. Do not feed or interfere with the wild and captive animals within Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.
4. Place rubbish in the bins provided.
5. Random animal photo opportunities, offered after presentations, are for public guest 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, we do however ask that classes are divided into groups of no bigger than 10 and are accompanied by a teacher/carer.