



EDUCATION PROGRAM

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NATURE ED

A lush tropical garden scene featuring a small waterfall cascading over rocks in the background. The foreground is filled with various tropical plants, including palm trees, ferns, and colorful bromeliads. A stone wall and a path are visible on the right side. The text "JINGERI JINGERI" is overlaid in a white, stylized font across the center of the image.

JINGERI JINGERI

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Jingeri Jingeri means “greetings and hello” in the Indigenous Yugambah language. Welcome to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary! Set on 27 hectares of natural bushland, and home to over 1000 animals, the Sanctuary is the Gold Coast’s most iconic wildlife destination.



A close-up photograph of a Rainbow Lorikeet, a small Australian parrot. The bird has a bright blue head and neck, a red eye-ring, and a large, curved red beak. Its body is covered in vibrant, horizontal stripes of red, orange, and yellow. The bird is perched on a thin brown branch, surrounded by green leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

At Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, we pride ourselves on educating the generations of the future on a wide range of environmental topics.

With two purpose built facilities for education, students can learn indoors or outdoors in our Discovery Den or Ngulli Nyeumba amphitheatre.

As experts in environmental education, we know the best way to teach is to create integrated learning pathways. Depending on your lesson, we use a range of hands on experiences, and activities to encourage learning and fun!

We encourage students to start looking at the topic they will be learning on their visit while they are at school. Armed with questions, they can then fully explore the topic within their education lesson and in the Sanctuary. Once back at school, they can apply their findings to in class discussions and activities, completing the learning cycle.

All our lessons are curriculum linked and we cater for all year levels including ESL students, home school groups and vacation care groups.

CURRUMBIN EXPERIENCES

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers a wide range of interactive add-on educational sessions to complement your excursion.

Choose from any of the below options:

Wildlife Discovery Experience:

A 45 minute session focusing on a specific topic and includes meeting several animals during the session.

Topics include:

Early Learning:

- Animal Tales (literacy-based)
- Counting Critters (numeracy-based)
- Animal Treasures (nature-based)

Primary:

- Classifications
- Endangered Species
- Adaptations
- STEAM – Zoo Enclosure Design
- Habitats

Secondary:

- Classifications
- STEAM – Zoo Enclosure Design
- Biomes & Ecosystems
- Tourism and Business
- Food Webs

Other:

- Special Needs Presentation
- General Wildlife Presentation
- Customised Science or Art Full Day Programs
(contact us for more information)
- Customised Science or Art Half Day Programs
(contact us for more information)

The Yarning Circle

(Indigenous Knowledges Experience):

A 45 minute exploration of Indigenous Culture and caring for our environment. Meet 2 friendly Australian animals and hear their Dreaming story, explore Indigenous weapons and culture, be painted with ochre, and learn about how we connect with Country from the past, present and future.

A Glimpse Behind the Scenes

A 60 minute opportunity to learn all about what happens behind the scenes at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn about conservation efforts for Koalas and Tasmanian Devils, explore the stories of the Wildlife Hospital on the Hospital Deck and back of house tour, and see important off display areas that are integral to running the Sanctuary.

Includes a meet and greet with an Australian favourite animal.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION

YEAR LEVEL	TOPIC	EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK LINKS
Early Learning	Animal Tales (literacy + animals)	Outcomes 2, 4 and 5
	Counting Critters (numeracy + animals)	Outcomes 4 and 5
	Animal Treasures (nature + animals)	Outcomes 2, 4 and 5
	Indigenous Education	Outcomes 2
		Australian Curriculum Links (Science/Geography/ Design and Technologies)
Primary School Prep/Kindergarten - Year 6	Habitats	ACSSU002; ACSSU211; ACSSU073; ACSSU094; ACSHE062; ACHASSK088
	Classifications	ACSSU044
	Adaptions	ACSSU002; ACSSU017; ACSSU211; ACSSU043; ACSSU094
	Endangered Species	ACSSU002; ACSSU073 ACSSU094; ACHASSK088
	Zoo Enclosure Design	ACSSU073; ACSSU094; ACHASSK088; ACTDEK019; ACTDEK023; ACTDEP024; ACDTEP025; ACTDEP027; ACTDEP028
	Indigenous Education	ACHASSK016; ACHASSK017; ACHASSK049; ACHASSK089
		Australian Curriculum Links (Science/Geography/ Design and Technologies)
Secondary School Year 7 - 12	Classifications	ACSSU111
	Food Webs	ACSSU112; ACSSU176
	Biomes & Ecosystems	ACSSU176; ACSSU185; ACHGK060
	Zoo Enclosure Design	ACSHE136
	Tourism/Business	ACHEK019; ACHEK030; ACHEK041
	Indigenous Education	ACHGK049; ACHGK072



EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

If you are bringing your Early Learning groups to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, consider adding in an interactive session to complement your excursion, designed specifically for little adventurers.

These 30 minute themed lessons feature four amazing animals as well as a play-based activity and are designed for 3-5 year olds.

Options include:

1. Animal Tales (literacy-based)
2. Counting Critters (numeracy-based)
3. Animal Treasures (Nature Based)
4. Indigenous Knowledges Experience

Early Learning programs can also be taken offsite with our Wildlife on Wheels program, where we bring the zoo to you.

To find out more about our Wildlife on Wheels program, please see page 10.

COMMUNITY COURSES

AUSSIE WILDLIFE COURSE

The Aussie Wildlife Course is an introductory course developed to train enthusiastic members of our community to provide emergency care for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife.

Age Requirement: 14 years and over with parent consent.

ADVANCED AUSSIE WILDLIFE COURSE

Following on from the Aussie Wildlife Course comes the Advanced Course, presented by Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's veterinarians and hospital staff. Using the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital facilities, the advanced course will explore the unique anatomy and physiology of Australia's wildlife.

Age Requirement: 16 years and over with parent consent.

MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE AUSSIE WILDLIFE COURSE OR HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE

INSIGHT INTO VET NURSING

Ever wanted to know what it's like to walk in the shoes of a veterinary nurse? Maybe you are considering a career change, looking to become a vet nurse, or are simply interested in the daily operations of this field. This course provides an insight into role of a vet nurse, and their importance in ensuring injured animals are returned to their healthy state.

ANIMAL TRAINING AND CONDITIONING:

Training helps keeps animals minds healthy and active. This course will help you learn the fundamentals of general animal training, operant training techniques and how to teach desired behaviours from animals in your care. Every animal and species is different in their training needs, which will be explored in this course. Leave with skills to try on your own pets and animals.





WILDLIFE STUDIES

Wildlife Studies allows students to delve deeper into a specific topic than a Wildlife Discovery Experience, building their knowledge even further.

Classes run in multiple different formats:

- 5 week course (substituted into a class time at school (such as Physical Education)
- 8 week course (substituted into a class time at school (such as Physical Education)
- Half day program
- Full day program

Programs include:

• Insight into a Zookeeper

Ever wondered what it's like to be a zookeeper? Students can participate in this multi week program that showcases the daily duties of zookeepers, what zookeepers need to know and why, enclosure design, enrichment purposes and animal behaviour and conditioning.

• Scrub Up! Vet Nursing for School Students

The Wildlife Hospital at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is the heartbeat of the Sanctuary, seeing over 10,000 admissions each year. The Vets and Vet Nurses provide invaluable expertise in helping these animals back onto the road of recovery. In this multi-week study series, students will get a glimpse into what it's like to work in a Veterinary Hospital, the duties of Vet Nurses, how triage is completed and what we do to care for sick and injured wildlife. Education Officers will endeavour to get participants outside and doing activities wherever possible.

• Mammals and Birds

The Mammals and Birds studies series focuses specifically on these two animals, meeting a different animal each week. Lessons are loosely linked to the curriculum, covering life cycles, living things, body features, enrichment methods and much more.

• Reptiles

The Reptiles studies series focuses specifically on reptiles. The students will be able to meet a different reptile each week. Lessons are loosely linked to the curriculum, covering life cycles, living things, body features, enrichment methods and much more.

WOW WILDLIFE ON WHEELS

Can't make it to the Sanctuary? That's ok! We can bring the Sanctuary to you!

Using our Discovery Wagon, our qualified educators will bring a range of Australian animals to your school, centre, event or expo. Our presentations are Australian Curriculum linked and our educators present on a range of topics linked to your current classroom curriculum focus.

Our Wildlife on Wheels presentations bring your classroom to life, with students encouraged to engage and interact with the lessons, helping to achieve positive learning outcomes to students of all ages. If we are visiting for an event or expo, watch how guests are engaged with the opportunity to meet some of our stunning Australian native wildlife, including birds, snakes, lizards and mini-beasts (animals subject to availability).

Additionally, our Wildlife on Wheels van also delivers specific Indigenous lessons, with our qualified Indigenous Education Officer performing Welcome to Country, and engaging participants in a walk through culture. Discussing language, flags, communities, weapons, musical instruments and symbols, our Indigenous Education Officer provides a snapshot of Indigenous culture. No Wildlife On Wheels experience would be complete without meeting an animal; participants will have the opportunity to meet two animals linked to Dreamtime stories.

Wildlife on Wheels experiences is charged based on numbers and distance from origin. Please contact the Education Department for a quote for your school or event.



ADMISSION RATES

- Primary School Student: \$15.00 per student (1 x free of charge adult/teacher per 5 paying students)
- Secondary School Student: \$15.00 per student (1 x free of charge adult/teacher per 10 paying students)
- Adult Students \$25.00 per student (1 x free of charge adult/teacher per 10 paying students)

CONDITIONS:

To receive these education rates groups must have a minimum of 10 x paying individuals. Additional adults will be charged an admission fee of \$25.00 per person. Prices subject to change without notice.

Please contact us for weekend education rates.

In addition to the entry above, utilise our exciting education programs to maximise learning and your time at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Nature Ed Experiences – price per student:

- Wildlife Discovery Experience/Indigenous Knowledges Experience: \$3.50 per student;
- Behind the Scenes Tour: \$7.50 per student;
- Wildlife Studies: \$15 per week per student; (minimum 15 students).

WOW - Wildlife On Wheels

Please contact us for a quote at education@cws.org.au

To book, visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's website CurrumbinSanctuary.com.au or phone the Education team on 07 5534 0895.



WHAT ELSE TO SEE AND DO?



WILDLIFE AND DAILY SHOWS

Our shows run throughout the day and are all included in your admission.

Here are a few of your options:

- Wild Island Splash Zone
- Wild Skies Free Flight Bird Show
- The Big Fang Theory Reptile Show
- Aboriginal Dance Show

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

WILD ADVENTURES: For ages 6-14 years old, children can choose from five different action-packed days including:

- Animal Trainer for a Day
- Paws and Claws
- Keeper for a Day
- Slimy and Scaly
- Vet for a Day

INCLUSIVE ADVENTURES: A half-day program for students and their carers, who are unable to access other school holiday programs. These programs cater to students with additional support needs, including (but not limited to) ASD, sensory needs, visual impairments and mobility restrictions.

These are 2 different themed days to cater for the preferences of individual students.

- Creative Day
- Sensory Day







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