

NATURE ED

Experiences for primary, secondary, tertiary and ESL groups.
Linked to the Australian Curriculum.

DISCOVER YOUR WORLD!



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COME TO CURRUMBIN!

Make your next school excursion your best school excursion! Come and visit our wonderful world of wildlife and immerse your students in the rich nature, culture and history of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. We cater for all year levels, as well as ESL students, home school groups and vacation care.

You will be in the capable hands of one of our experienced wildlife education officers. As a team we are qualified teachers and certified zoo keepers, and have backgrounds in veterinary and environmental science. Most of all we have a passion for lifelong learning!

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YOUR NATURE ED JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

Jingeri Jingeri

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.

We offer a huge range of Nature Ed experiences so you have the option to tailor your day in your own special way. From our interactive wildlife experiences, to behind the scenes tours and Indigenous experiences and amazing wildlife shows, it's time for your students to discover their world!

Log onto our teachers' portal for suggested curriculum-linked activities: pre-visit, on the day and post-visit. These activities will ensure your students get the most out of their excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

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NATURE ED EXPERIENCES



Wildlife Discovery Experience *(all year levels & ESL)*

The *Wildlife Discovery Experience* is our most popular living lesson and takes place in **The Pines Elanora Discovery Den**. This exciting new outdoor teaching space is located in a beautiful natural setting where your students will be immersed in nature.

Your students will have the opportunity to meet three of our amazing animals that may include a python, lizard, phasmid (stick insect), echidna, possum, frog or baby crocodile (depending on availability and topic).

This interactive experience focuses on animal adaptations, diet, habitat and conservation, is linked to the Australian Curriculum and tailored to your students' year level. Specific topic requests can be made when booking.

Students will also have the opportunity to discover the interactive zone where they can handle artefacts, explore life under the magnifying glass and touch feathers, bones, skins and more.

Indigenous Experience *(all year levels & ESL)*

Immerse your students in culture at Currumbin! Our *Indigenous Experience* will teach your students about our local area and its people, significant landmarks, weaponry, languages, instruments and ceremonies. At the conclusion of the experience your group will have the opportunity to meet and greet one of our amazing animals. Our Indigenous education officer will be your host, with your experience taking place in our new outdoor **Ngulli Nyeumba Amphitheatre** (meaning "we teach" in the Indigenous Yugambeh language).

Behind The Scenes Tour *(all year levels & ESL)*

Discover what happens *Behind The Scenes* at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. A special VIP pass lets you go where few other people can. Guided by one of our wildlife education officers you will visit food preparation kitchens and learn about a 'day in the life of a zoo keeper'. At our Wildlife Hospital you will learn about the typical cases of animals that come into care. The tour also includes a visit to our animal training and presentation area where you will learn about husbandry and training techniques, and see some of the birds that star in our daily shows.

Wildlife Studies

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers *Wildlife Studies* to school students as an extra-curricular activity. The course is presented by highly experienced professionals in wildlife husbandry and is designed for students with a keen interest in wildlife. It is a real zoo experience and gives students exposure to working in a zoo environment. The program can be tailored as needed from eight weeks to a full year.

Wild Games *(all year levels & advanced ESL)*

Wild Games is an exciting new Nature Ed experience. We have created a series of interactive games and activities that incorporate wildlife and conservation messages. *Wild Games* delivers all the facts in a fun, fast paced and action packed program. At the conclusion of the games your group will have the opportunity to meet and greet with one of our amazing animals.

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WHAT ELSE TO SEE AND DO?

There's so much more to see and do at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary!

Wildlife and Daily Shows

Our shows run throughout the day and are all included in your admission. Here are a few of your options:

- Free Flight Bird Show
- The Big Fang Theory Reptile Show
- Blinky Bill's Wildlife to the Rescue (K-3)
- Mini Monsters Show (primary school)
- Australiana Sheep Shearing Show
- Aboriginal Dance Show

FOR A FULL LIST OF SHOWS AND OUR DAILY TIMETABLE PLEASE VISIT WWW.CWS.ORG.AU

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary boasts an amazing onsite Wildlife Hospital. Admitting over 9000 sick, injured and orphaned wildlife patients every year the Hospital is one of the busiest of its kind in the world. You can visit the back deck and get a bird's eye view of our vets in action through the floor to ceiling windows. See x-rays, ultra sounds and endoscopes and experience veterinary procedures taking place right before your very eyes. The Hospital, funded by Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation, relies on donations and corporate sponsorship to continue its vital work of saving our wildlife. If you would like to help our wildlife please contact us to obtain a school's Green Patch Day fundraising kit and become a Community Conservation Champion today!

School Holiday Experiences

Our Eco Ranger (6-12 years) and Creature Keepers (12-17 years) experiences are fun and exciting for kids and teens with a keen interest in wildlife . Please visit our website for more information.

TreeTop Challenge

Located inside Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, this high ropes adventure park will get your adrenaline pumping! With 80 huge TreeTop Challenges including 11 insane ziplines – and the awesome Croc Shock where you literally zipline over crocodiles! We guarantee you will have an unforgettable day of thrills, action and adventure. Please book directly with The TreeTop Challenge on 1300 881 446.

Want more?

These are just some of the options available within the Sanctuary. Honey World and Surf World are located right next door, with one of Australia's most beautiful beaches only 200 metres away.

WOW – WE CAN COME TO YOU!

If you cannot come to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, we can come to you. *WOW – Wildlife on Wheels* is our school incursion program. You can choose from an animal or an Indigenous theme, both are linked to the Australian Curriculum for all year levels. The WOW experience is not limited to P-12 groups, we also visit ESL and early childhood centres.

WOW – Wildlife on Wheels

- An experienced wildlife education officer will visit your school
- We introduce your students to a variety of animals such as a lizard, snake, frog and mini beasts (depending on availability)
- Your students will learn about each animal's adaptations, diet, habitat and conservation – specific topic requests can be made when booking

INTERESTED IN A WOW VISIT?
BOOK ONLINE OR CONTACT US FOR
MORE INFORMATION

Indigenous WOW – Wildlife on Wheels

Our *Indigenous WOW Experience* will teach your students about our local area and its people, significant landmarks, weaponry, languages, instruments and ceremonies. At the conclusion of the experience your group will have the opportunity to meet and greet one of our amazing animals.

WOW can also visit school fetes, attend trade displays and deliver large theatre presentations.



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is committed to lifelong learning. All of our Nature Ed experiences are linked to the Australian Curriculum. Please advise us if you have a specific topic request when booking.

Prep-Year 3

- Basic needs (Prep)
- Body features and habitats (Year 1)
- Life cycles and reproduction (Year 2)
- Basic classification and living/non-living (Year 3)

Year 4-6

- Life cycles, food chains and habitats (Year 4)
- Adaptations (Year 5)
- Habitats and environment (Year 6)

Year 7-9

- Classification, food webs and threatening processes (Year 7)
- Reproduction and body systems (Year 8)
- Ecosystems (Year 9)

Year 10-12

- Evolution, biodiversity and natural selection (Year 10)
- Specific topic requests tailored for Year 11 and 12

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture
- Sustainability

Other Curriculum Areas

- Literacy
- History
- Civics and Citizenship
- Business and Tourism

General

We also deliver general Nature Ed experiences for school, ESL and vacation care groups.

Please visit our website for more information.

WE OUR ESL GROUPS!

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is about as Australian as it gets. We are a much loved destination for ESL groups and we welcome you to our Sanctuary. Our popular Nature Ed experiences for ESL groups include the *Wildlife Discovery Experience*, *Behind The Scenes Tour* and *Indigenous Experience*. Please see pages 4-5 for more information.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Risk assessment

We have done all the work for you. Download our risk assessment documentation from www.cws.org.au/education-portal/

What to bring

- Appropriate clothing, hat and footwear
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Water
- Your sense of discovery and adventure!

Cost & How to pay

Visit www.cws.org.au/nature-ed for pricing. Payment can be made by credit card or bank deposit two business days prior to your visit, or organisations can apply for a business account. Government schools will be invoiced.

What about food?

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has several food outlets and lunch packs are available for pre-order. Schools can BYO lunch. We suggest students carry a small backpack with their lunch and water bottle.

Specific topics

If it is about wildlife and it is in the curriculum we teach it! If you have a specific topic you would like us to cover e.g. tourism, zoo careers or marketing please advise us when booking.

Nature Ed questions

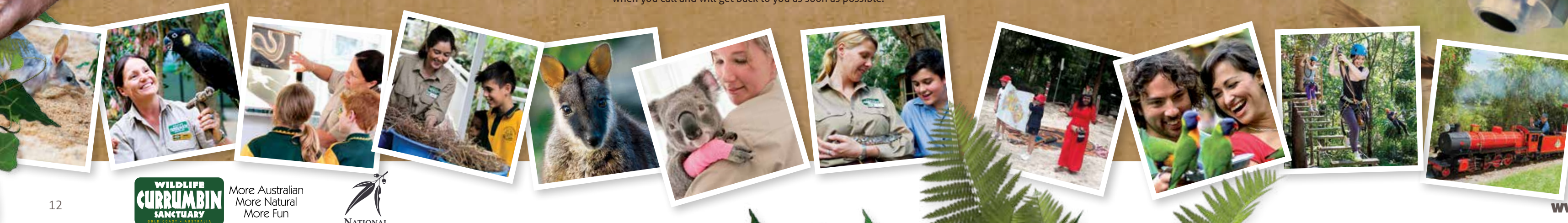
If you have a specific question about the topics and content of our Nature Ed experiences, please email the Nature Ed team education@cws.org.au. Alternatively you can call the team on 07 5534 0895. We may be teaching when you call and will get back to you as soon as possible.

BOOK NOW!

Booking a Nature Ed experience at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is easy.

Book online at www.cws.org.au/education

Our team will confirm your booking by email.



WOLSTON FARMHOUSE



Wolston Farmhouse is one of the oldest surviving farmhouses in Brisbane, built in 1852, and is owned by the National Trust of Australia (Queensland).

Immerse your students in the past as they take on a character from the history of the homestead.

Through drama they will compare the past to the present as they experience how people lived, including the clothes they wore, tools they used and games they played.

For more information please visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/wolston-house/



BECOME A VIP TEACHER!



Book an excursion and sign up to receive education emails to receive a 12 month National Trust Australia (Queensland) membership. This entitles you to free entry to most National Trust properties worldwide, including Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

For more information about NTAQ properties, education programs and how to become a member visit www.nationaltrust.org.au or scan the QR code.



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