



# Ambarvale High School

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## Educational Excursion Information and Consent Year 11 Depth Study - Observing Animal Behaviour

Dear Parent

Year 11 Investigating Science students are required to attend a mandatory excursion to Taronga Zoo to conduct a Depth Study on observing animal behaviour. This depth study introduces students to the necessity of observation to drive scientific investigation. With over 4000 animals in our care, Taronga Zoo Sydney is the perfect environment for students to plan, observe and record animal behaviour. Behavioural observations allow scientists to collect and record data which enables them to test hypothesis to ensure animal wellbeing and survival.

Students will learn about primary data collection through authentic scientific animal observations, guided by zoo scientists and experts.

This full day program includes:

- A presentation seminar delivered by Taronga keepers and teachers about using animal observation to help them care for animals (e.g. innate and learnt behaviour, conditioning and enrichment objects)
- Workshops delivered by working scientists Taronga scientists who study animal behaviour
- Opportunity to design and conduct ethograms to gather animal behaviour data around the zoo
- Animal encounters

**When:** Thursday, 11 March 2021

**Where:** Taronga Zoo

**Itinerary and transport:** Students will meet Mr Keen at Campbelltown Station at 7:45am and will catch a train at 8:03am to Circular Quay Station (arriving approximately 9:09am). Students will then walk approximately 3 minutes to catch a Ferry to Taronga Zoo at 9:20am and arrive at Taronga Zoo at 9:32am. **Note when catching public transport masks must be worn, if you do not have one the school will provide one on the day.**

**Cost:** \$22.00. Students are also required to pay for their train and ferry and will need their own Opal card to do this. Students should load their card with approx. \$10.00 for their travel.

**What to bring:** Recess and lunch, bag, pen and notebook.

**Dress Code:** Full school uniform

**Departure from:** Campbelltown Station at 8:03am

**Return to:** Campbelltown Station at earliest 3:42pm if running over time approximately 4:12pm.

**Supervising Teacher/s:**

**Emergency Care**      **First Aid Certificate**

**Teacher in Charge:** Shane Keen



Other Staff Attending: TBA

**Emergency Contact Number:** 4627 1800

**Please complete and sign the Permission note attached and provide relevant medical information. Notes are to be returned to Mr Keen.**

Mrs S Maynard  
Head Teacher Science  
25 February 2021

Mr S Keen  
Class Teacher



**Excursion Consent  
Taronga Zoo Workshop**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Investigating Science excursion to Taronga Zoo on Thursday, 11 March 2021. I understand that students will catch a train from Campbelltown Station at 8:03am and will return to Campbelltown Station at the earliest 3:42pm or if running over time approximately 4:12pm. My child must wear full school uniform; the cost of the excursion is \$22.00 and they will be required to pay for their train/ferry on the day and will need their own Opal card to do this. Students should load their card with approx. \$10.00 for their travel. **Students will also be required to wear mask while catching public transport, if they do not have one the school will provide one on the day.**

Parents are responsible for their child's transport and safety prior to departure time and location and following return time at location.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

Medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Diet requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Medication \_\_\_\_\_


Other \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Emergency Contacts:**

	Name	Contact Number	Relationship to Student
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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