



# Zoo Camp: Guidelines for Teachers and Adult Helpers

*Teachers please provide your adult helpers with a copy of these guidelines.*

Thank you for coming along and supporting Zoo Camp. This information explains the important role that the 'school supervisory team' (school teachers and adult helpers) will play in the Zoo Camp experience.

## What to Bring

Please ensure that students and adults bring the following:

- Bedding (We can provide 35 stretchers. Groups larger than 35 must provide stretchers/mattresses for extra participants. Please bring own pillow and sleeping bag).
- Toiletries and pyjamas
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Suitable footwear
- Supplies for a BBQ tea (we strongly recommend a shared BBQ rather than individual students bringing individual meals)

We have a very full program and the Zoo Camp Leaders will guide you as to when activities will start and finish and how they will be organised. As we are working with both animals and children, there must always be room for some flexibility but a typical program is outlined below.

## The Program

### *Evening Program*

4.30-5.00 pm	Welcome and Briefing
5.00-6.00 pm	<i>Race to Save</i> - Zoo Orientation Activity
6.00-7.00 pm	BBQ Dinner
7.00-8.00 pm	Conservation focused experience in Zoo Education Centre
8.00-8.45 pm	Enrichment Activity
8.45-9.00 pm	Snack Break
9.00-10.00 pm	Night Walk
10.00-10.30 pm	Sleeping Preparations and Lights Out!

### *Morning Program*

6.30-7.00 am	Wake Up - Pack Up
7.00-7.30 am	Breakfast
7.30-8.30 am	Keeper interaction, deliver enrichment items
8.30-9.00 am	Farewell and Certificates

Zoo Camp participants are welcome to stay in the Zoo after 9.00 am

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### **Role of the School Supervisory Team**

During the 'Race to Save' from 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm, small groups of students **will move around the Zoo** (in search of clues). **Your role may include supervising** one of these groups. You will carry a Zoo two-way radio for contact. All other activities will be supervised by Zoo Camp Leaders. Make sure you have comfortable shoes for the walk.

While the 'Race to Save' activity is taking place, **some of you will be required to cook the BBQ**. Following this, some of the adults will need **to assist with the washing up** while the Zoo Camp Leaders organise the students for their next block of activities. Please join in for the remainder of the night activities which are fully supervised by the Zoo Camp Leaders.

**Your assistance** in helping your Zoo Camp Leaders **to keep groups together** while they are walking around the Zoo is also appreciated.

**Overnight Supervision:** Zoo Camp Leaders will remain on-site (located in the Homestead adjacent to the Zoo Barn) during the night and be in radio contact with the classroom teacher. **Supervision of students remains the responsibility of the school at all times.**

### **Amenities**

**Sleeping Arrangements** – students and adults will be sleeping in the Zoo Barn – this is a shared sleeping space. The Zoo can provide 35 stretchers for participants; however participants above this number must provide their own bedding. All participants must bring their own pillow and sleeping bag. In the advent of extremely warm or cold weather, the Zoo Theatre will be used instead of the Barn.

**Showers** – Due to operational constraints, shower facilities are not available for staff, parent helpers or students.

**Toilets** – Two separate toilet blocks will be used for male and female changing rooms and facilities. During the night (10.30 pm-6.30 am), students and adults must use the portable toilet situated near the Barn. Students must be escorted to toilets by a teacher or adult helper. A two-way radio must be taken.

### **Parking and Arrival**

Private cars can park in public carparks, and can be moved into Zoo after hours (usually around dinner time). These will be moved back into the public car parks before 8.00 am the following morning.

Buses to enter carpark through Mill Point Rd and proceed along the service road to park at 'Gate 3'. Students gather here and begin unloading gear. Please call the Zoo Camp mobile phone to notify Zoo of arrival (0438 992 590). Heavy gear (eskies etc) will be loaded onto a buggy, students will carry bags, pillows etc.

*We hope that you have an enjoyable Zoo Camp Experience and thank you for your support.*