



**Perth Zoo – Adventure Awaits. Perth Zoo invites you to ‘discover your world’.
We’ve got it all – Australia to Africa, elephants to echidnas, camps to conferences.
Our team of experienced educators can enrich your visit to the Zoo.**

Please complete the following checklist before your visit:

- The following **documents** are ready to bring with you on the day of your visit:
 - Confirmation letter
 - Sign-in sheet- Completed on the day of your visit before entering the zoo
 - Maps- for each group moving around the zoo
 - Education Experience name, time and meeting point for each supervising adult

- Supervision strategy.**

Compulsory supervision is arranged for all students in K-Year 10. We recommend a 1:5 ratio adult supervision for **K-Year 3** and a 1:10 ratio adult supervision for **years 4-10**. For **years 11-12**, please arrange to meet your students at pre-determined locations around the Zoo throughout the day. Teachers should maintain a visible profile, moving around with their students as appropriate.

Perth Zoo offers free entry to **carers** or essential companions of those with special needs. We accept the national Companion Card or a letter from your principal identifying the carer/essential companion/Education Assistant (Special Needs) that will be accompanying your group.

- Preparation for **Zoo entry** and **payment**.

As soon as your numbers are confirmed on the day of your visit please complete your group sign-in sheet ready to present to cashiers on entry.

On arrival please assemble your group near the front entrance ensuring you are not obstructing entry for other visitors.

As the group organiser please leave your group and queue up in the right hand entrance with your confirmation letter, completed sign-in sheet, purchase order if applicable and payment. You will then be directed to the appropriate window.

Perth Zoo cannot take card payments over the phone on entry, if paying by card please have the card with you on the day.

- Student briefing.**

Please brief your students that they must not **feed or interfere with Zoo animals**. Human food can be deadly to many animal species. Our animals have carefully balanced diets and their health can be seriously impacted by being fed human foods (or any other food). Feeding the animals is against Zoo rules and is also against the law! Penalties apply (Regulation 12c \$600 penalty). All visitors should also remain on paths and walkways.

- Read through the Perth Zoo Day Visit Excursion Management Plan** (downloadable from <https://perthzoo.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/DL%20Excursion%20Management%20Plan.pdf>). It includes information about the Zoo site, emergency response plan and public liability insurance. It will assist you with completing school excursion planning forms relating to the Department of Education Excursion Policy.

- Lunch storage.** Perth Zoo **does not** have a dedicated lunch storage facility for school groups. Student lunches can be left on the main lawn or in the shelters nearby. **Lunches should be stored in school bags or storage crates with lids** as wild birds can take food items left in the open. The Zoo takes no responsibility for stolen, lost or damaged items.

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- Waste Free lunches.** We encourage all visitors to try to bring *Waste Free* lunches. This means lunches and snacks with no packaging or wrapping, but brought in re-usable containers and re-fillable drink bottles. By doing this, you will be helping Perth Zoo achieve its vision of reducing waste to landfill by 20% by 2020 and help to reduce litter which is unsightly and dangerous to animals. For more information on Waste Free lunches at schools see: http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/media/files/wws/Waste_Free_Lunch.pdf
- Weather.** Please ensure your students come dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. During wet or hot weather, your class can shelter in covered exhibits including the Reptile Encounter and the Nocturnal House. Smaller shelters can be found around the Zoo. Should the weather conditions be so extreme that you wish to cancel your visit before coming to the Zoo, please contact Perth Zoo Discovery and Learning on the number below to arrange an alternative time to visit.
- Download student resources for your visit.** These resources cover a range of topics and are tailored to suit different developmental stages from early childhood to late adolescence.
- For an **efficient entry, complete your group sign-in sheet** on the morning of your visit before coming through the Perth Zoo entrance.

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