# Wildlife. Up Close.



Reptile Encounters is a voice for wildlife, creating memorable experiences that inspire students to care for nature. Our up close wildlife experiences create lasting memories and inspire students to take an interest in the natural world.

Our goal is to create a generation of better humans! We give back through our partnership with BIGI (BuylGivel). BIGI supports projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and for every school incursion, we create a positive impact.

Josh Cox, Director

### WILD SCHOOL EVENTS

We'll bring animals to your school fete, festival, or gathering for attendees and students to connect with wildlife. Ideal for National Science Week!

#### **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Celebrate your next birthday with us and learn about our amazing animals. Guests can see them up close and possibly even touch them. We can come to you or host at our headquarters in Burwood.

# CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

We promote love and protection for wildlife by attending various events like festivals, parties, launches, shows, markets, etc. We can have a stage show, interactive display, or roam and interact with attendees. We customize each event to connect people with nature and create lasting memories.



AN INCREDIBLE 16 YEARS OF INSPIRING KIDS AND ADULTS!

At Reptile

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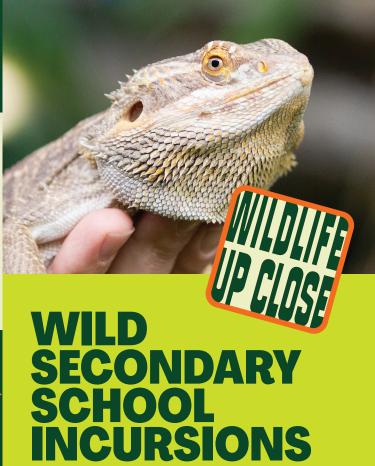
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# REPTILE ENCOUNTERS



Inspiration.
Education.
Conservation.



How do scientists categorise animals based on similarities and differences? Discover scientific conventions for grouping animals into taxonomic hierarchies, and where some of our animals fit in. A fun and engaging experience for your first secondary school incursion with us as it paves the way for all our others.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Scientific conventions
- Species identification
- Organising biodiversity

# **BODY & ORGAN SYSTEMS**

Find out what makes them tick!

How does a snake's digestive system work? How does this differ from mammals? Get up close with a wide variety of animals as we discuss their inner workings. Students will compare digestive, cardiovascular, nervous, reproductive and respiratory systems between species and learn how these animals function physiologically.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Functions of an organ system
- Organ systems in different organisms
- How organ systems support life processes



### **ECOSYSTEMS & FOOD WEBS**

Bush, desert & rainforest inhabitants!

Australia boasts diverse habitats with diverse animals. Explore ecosystems and the productive energy flows within them. Learn how different animals thrive and survive in the same ecosystem by forming food webs and occupying different trophic levels. Meet and learn about the animals that make up these systems and their role and value.

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#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Interactions between organisms
- Disruptions to ecosystems
- Energy flow through ecosystems



# **EVOLUTION & GENETICS**

**Explore DNA & Natural Selection** 

How do species change over time? Can they change so much they become a new species? Discover how gene mutations and natural selection have shaped Australia's unique biodiversity. Students can learn about speciation, convergent and divergent evolution, all while observing evidence of these in our awe-inspiring animals.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Phylogenetic trees
- Evidence of evolution
- Biodiversity



# THREATENED & ENDANGERED

Life on the brink of extinction!

Remember your favorite Australian animal from childhood? Imagine future generations never getting to see it. In this critical show, students will meet endangered Aussie animals and learn about the threats they face and what we can do to protect them. Students will feel inspired to make a positive impact.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Scientific decisions & problem solving
- Sustainability and conservation



#### **ADAPTATIONS**

Structural, behavioural & physiological traits

How do animals thrive in tough conditions? Learn how they use their ecological niche for food and safety from predators, drought, and harsh environments. By the end, students will grasp common adaptations to our environment through first-hand observation of our Australian natives.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Adaptations aid survival
- Interdependence & keystone species
- Australian ecosystems



## **MEET THE RAINBOW SERPENT**

Explore the oldest living culture on Earth!

Aboriginal people, the traditional custodians of the land we live on in Australia, have cared for this country for over 100,000 years. Your class will discover some of the animals that inspired Dreamtime stories, learn about how they live in balance with nature. A truly inspiring experience. Suitable for all learning levels, content is tailored to the group's level.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Connection to Country/Place
- Sustainability
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultures



## **LOCAL SPECIES**

Learn what lives in your own backyard!

What better way for kids to connect with nature than to help them explore their own backyard! Discover the species that call Victoria home, from eastern bluetongue lizards, bearded dragons and eastern longnecked turtles, to mammals and birds. Suitable for all learning levels, content is tailored to the group's level.

#### Recommended for curriculum focus

- Nurture curiosity
- Ethical capabilities
- Conservation



# **INCURSION RESOURCE PACKAGE ADD ON**

Developed by teachers for teachers, our incursion resource packs are carefully crafted to provide students with an enriched experience while also supporting your teaching efforts. Each pack is specific for the incursion you booked. Find out more about each pack on our website or contact us to discuss options for enhancing the experience for your students.

# INCURSION COSTS \*All Prices + GST

# of Incursions	Cost
6	2170
5	1930
4	1670
3	1320
2	930
1	530

- · Incursion duration is I hour.
- Maximum 30 students per session.
   Multiple show costs are based same day incursions.
  - Travel fees may apply for rural areas.

Let us help organise an awesome experience for your next incursion!

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