



## PLANNING YOUR DAY AT LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY

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Thank you for choosing to connect your students with wildlife at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Here is some information to help make your excursion a success.

It is expected you will have made an itinerary and printed Lone Pine maps to assist your supervisory team of teachers and chaperones with a smooth, enjoyable excursion. An example itinerary can be found on page 2 of this document. Other available Excursion Resources include checklists for teachers and chaperones, as well as a guide to assist with free time exploration. A guidebook is sent with your confirmation information which contains a map and daily show times. This is also available online here:

<http://www.koala.net/sanctuary-map/>

Don't forget, the Education Team is just an email or phone call away! We are your support crew to assist in creating the best possible experience for you, your students, and supervisory team.

### Arrival

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary opens at 9:00am. We recommend you arrive at least 30 minutes before your first Discover Session time with most groups arriving at 9:30am. Aim to have your students off the bus and ready to enter the Sanctuary 5 minutes after arrival.

An Education Officer will meet you off of the bus and complete a record of attendance by signing off final numbers of chaperones (including staff, parents and any accompanying adults) and students. Please make sure any chaperones not included on the school's invoice join the ticket queue to purchase their entry ticket at the standard retail adult entry price.

*This process can be time consuming. Please help us stay on schedule by having your final numbers and payment details organised prior to arrival.*

### Payment

To be eligible for any education rates, all participants must be included in one bulk payment, otherwise standard retail rates apply. Payment can be made prior to your excursion, on arrival or post excursion. If you elect to pay prior to your excursion, an invoice will be sent to you by the Education Team.

### Discovery Session (not applicable for self-guided)

Your 45-minute Discovery Session (30 minutes for Kindy and some custom sessions) will be held at one of our presentation venues which will be pointed out to your group by the Education Officer during your orientation. Please meet at your designated venue at least five minutes prior to your session.

### Free Time Exploration

When you are not participating in your booked Discovery Session, you are free to explore the Sanctuary. The Free Time Learning Experiences from the Excursion Resources will assist your supervisory team in leading focused and fun exploration through the native animal sections of Lone Pine.

*Not all daily talks and activities are suitable for large student groups. Please see below for recommendations and restrictions.*

## Creating an Itinerary

A great way to plan your day is to take advantage of your free pre-excursion visit which can be organised by contacting the Education Team ([education@koala.net](mailto:education@koala.net)). This will give you a good idea of distance between locations, suitable routes, shady locations, toilets and risk.

When creating your itinerary, don't forget to consider:

- Your pre-booked Discovery Session times (if applicable)
- Your complimentary Free Time Learning Experiences (in Excursion Resources)
- Travel time between locations
- Toilet breaks
- Food and water breaks
- General public activities
  - Not all general public activities are not suitable for large groups to attend due to space restrictions. We recommend the Free Flight Raptor Show and Sheepdog Show for school groups.
  - Due to legislative restrictions on koala handling time, koala interactions other than meeting a koala during your Discovery Session are not open to school groups. This includes public photo and "Meet a Koala" sessions.

Your itinerary might look something like this:

<b>9:25am</b>	Arrival, sign off and welcome
<b>9:35am</b>	Wildlife Education Officer meet & group orientation
<b>9:50am</b>	Walk to presentation venue
<b>10:00am</b>	Discovery Session
<b>10:45am</b>	Morning tea & toilet break
<b>11:00am</b>	Visit cassowary, dingoes and crocodiles
<b>11:30am</b>	Visit Amphibian and Reptile Habitat
<b>11:45am</b>	Visit Brisbane Koala Science Institute and explore interactive displays
<b>12:00pm</b>	Free range kangaroo feeding
<b>12:20pm</b>	Walk to Free Flight Raptor show area
<b>12:30pm</b>	Public presentation – Free Flight Raptor Show*

- 12:45pm** Lunch & toilet break: Visit General Store to collect lunch packs\*\*
- 1:15pm** Free time (visit over 70 native species!)
- 2:00pm** Depart Lone Pine

\*Not all public presentations are suitable for groups over 80 people and some smaller activity venues are not suitable for groups over 15 people. Please check with the Education Team before including public presentations in your itinerary. Public activity times correct at time of printing.

\*\* Available when pre-booked, timeslots will be allocated at time of confirmation.