Melbourne Zoo Education Social Story



Fighting Extinction Schools

ZOOS VICTORIA EDUCATION

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The Grade 3's are going on an excursion on
Friday 30th of October.



This means we will be leaving the school and going on a bus.

You will need to bring









a small backpack drink bottle, snack and lunch in a bag that you can carry.

We are OUTSIDE ALL DAY so you will *need* your hat and you might like to bring a coat. Check the weather.





You will need to wear your sports uniform and comfortable walking shoes (runners).





Grade 3's are going to Melbourne Zoo, home to many different animals.

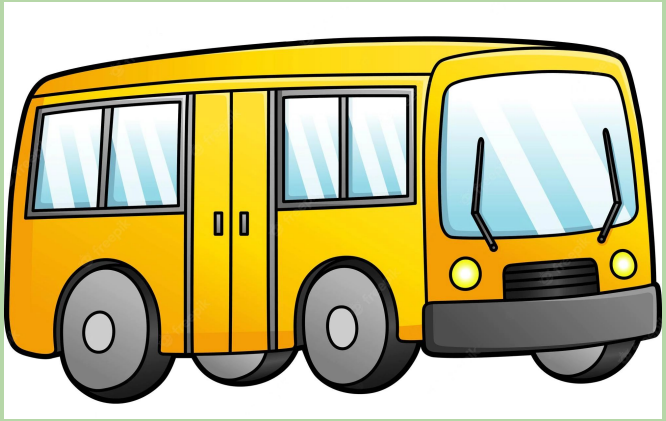


It is a place where I can look at animals,and learn about them and their habitats.

There will be other visitors at the Zoo that I need to share the space with.

MELBOURNE ZOO

We will be leaving at 7:45am.
Please be at school by 7:30am so you don't miss the bus.





While we are on the bus we are passengers.
This means we follow the the rules of:

SAFETY

- put our belts on and stay in our seats
- speak quietly and not yell out
  (the busdriver needs to concentrate on the road)



RESPECT

- talk only to the person sitting next to you
- no eating or drinking on the bus

Most schools enter the Zoo via the Rail Gate entrance.



There may be other schools arriving at the same time. It is important I stay with my class.

MELBOURNE ZOO

There are lots of staff and volunteers at the Zoo who are here to help me and answer my questions. If I get lost from my group, I can ask them for help.
They may be wearing



different clothing,but they will all have one of these logos on their clothing.

They might have a 2 way radio to talk to other people to help me.

MELBOURNE ZOO

I might visit all areas of the zoo or I might visit just a few. My teacher has a map and knows where we are going. I might see the animals.



They can’t reach me.



It’s important that I listen to my teachers directions and stay with my group.

MELBOURNE ZOO

Animals at the Zoo live in special homes called ‘enclosures’ or 'habitats'.
It might be hard to see the animals in their enclosures.



They might just be hiding away for a bit, having some quiet time on their own.

MELBOURNE ZOO

I might go into an area where the Lemurs can move freely around me.

I will need to stay quiet and walk on the paths to help the animals feel safe. I will be safe as well.



MELBOURNE ZOO

There are areas in the zoo that are dark. That is to help the animals feel safe. It is safe for me too. If I feel uncomfortable, I can ask my teacher to take me out.



MELBOURNE ZOO

I might go with my teacher and my class to a Keeper Talk. They will tell me about a certain animal and what I can do to help it. I will sit quietly while the Keeper is talking and working with the animal.



I will be safe sitting with my class.

MELBOURNE ZOO

There are areas in the zoo that may feel hot.

That is to help the animals stay warm in their tropical habitat.

If I get uncomfortable I can ask my teacher to take me out.



MELBOURNE ZOO

Some of the animals are behind glass windows.

They Might get scared if I make loud noises or knock on the glass.

I'll Make Sure they’re happy by staying quiet and keeping my hands away from the glass.



MELBOURNE ZOO

There might be unusual smells as I walk around the zoo, as animals smell very different to us. Animals can also make loud and interesting noises that sound very different to the sounds we make.



MELBOURNE ZOO

Lots of wild birds live at the zoo. I might see them walking or flying round. They will not hurt me, and I will be safe if I don’t chase them or feed them.



MELBOURNE ZOO

My class might go into a special area. A Zoo Teacher will talk to my group. While the special area looks different, it is actually similar to the places I learn in at school.



I will remember to follow the School Expectations of Safety, Respect and Learning.

MELBOURNE ZOO

I might get up close to an animal and touch some special things to help me learn more about animals.

If someone else from my class is holding something I could try to just look at it.

If I do get to hold something I can try to be careful.



MELBOURNE ZOO

Important Things to Remember

- Listen to the adult who is leading my group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things and climb on things that I am allowed to
- Listen carefully when an adult is talking to me
- Be quiet around the animals
- Do not feed or throw any objects into the animals' homes

MELBOURNE ZOO

We will begin heading back to school at 1:30pm.



We may get back to school before 3:15pm.

Whilst on the bus and at the Zoo we are representing our school.



This means we need to show Safety, Respect and Learning.

What questions do you have about the excursion?

