Animal Adoption Certificate

This is to certify that Shelford Girls' Grammar

has sponsored the Murray Darling Python

> October 2022 - 2023



MURRAY DARLING PYTHON



Morelia spilota metcalfei



Supporting the species

Our Darling Pythons holds special significance being the only non-venomous snake found in Victoria. Our Python is a superstar in our presentations and a class favourite among our school visitors. Due to this particular species remaining quite small it has not fared well against the threat introduced foxes and cats.

Habitat

This arboreal (tree dwelling) snake spans from south Australia all the way up to central Queensland and will move into any habitat with enough trees to provide shelter.

Diet

This ambush predator will remain patient allowing most meals to come to them. Volant animals (flying or gliding species) feature high on the menu with birds and bats being a regular meal.

Breeding

About two dozen eggs are laid and will be guarded and incubated by the female until they hatch.

