Venue and Safety Information for School Day and Overnight Excursions TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO



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Venue name	Taronga Western Plains Zoo			
Location	Obley Road, Dubbo 2830			
Phone number	(02) 6881 1433		Email	twpzeducation@zoo.nsw.gov.au
Web address	www.taronga.org.au			
Insurance	Does the venue have public li	ability cover?	Yes ⊠ No □	
Hazard	Associated risk			Existing risk controls
ι	DAYTIME VISITS (INCLUDING	FULL DAY	PROGRAMS AND ED	DUCATION WORKSHOPS)
Traffic Hazards and Vehicles – both external and in-grounds vehicle movements	Supervising teachers must: ensure all students alight from buses/ vehicles in the designated parking areas not directly in front of the Education Centre. ensure all students are aware that general road rules apply to all circuits throughout the site. provide supervision for students when embarking / disembarking from transport vehicles and be instructed on safe crossing points (i.e. pedestrian crossings). This applies upon arrival and around the circuit. be familiar with <i>Equipment Hire Agreement</i> form (located at the end of this document) ensure students use designated walking paths around the site.			

Child Protection	Duty of Care Management (including lost students and large public crowds)	Iaronga traffic management rules in place include but are not limited to: Ilmited movement on the circuit during daytime hours. ten kilometer speed limit enforced for all vehicles. safety buzzer/light in use for buggies. the provision of hazard lights when Zoo vehicles are travelling backwards around the zoo circuit. WWCC existing for all Taronga Western Plains Zoo Staff and Volunteers. Primary duty of care is with the school's attending teachers/supervising adults. As per the New South Wales Department of Education Child Protection Update 2024, students must be supervised by School Staff at all times while on Zoo Grounds. Example; Several Students wander off and jump over a fence. One student falls and breaks their leg. This is an example of reportable allegations of neglect. Supervising teachers have acknowledged this via the online booking form. Taronga Western Plains Zoo provides free entry for supervising adults on a ratio of 1:5 for all stage groups. Schools to provide supervision as per student needs. Teachers/supervising adults should implement effective supervision strategies (e.g. name badges, mobile contact number displayed on students, utilizing Zoo staff in case of emergencies, regular roll calls and emergency meeting points). Teachers/supervising adults should students behave appropriately and follow instructions at all times. If required teachers/supervising adults and students must follow requests from Taronga Western Plains Zoo employees and volunteers e.g. in the vicinity of animals, retail areas etc.
First Aid and Emergency Response	First Aid Required Medical Emergency	All attending schools must bring their own first aid kit. School's supervising teachers must be in possession of information on all students' medical needs, including Emergency Response Plans (including Anaphylaxis and Asthma) and medication. First Aid Officers are on duty within Zoo opening hours.

		For escalation of Medical Aid supervising teachers/ adults are to approach Taronga Western Plains Zoo Staff as Taronga's Emergency Response Plan can be implemented which includes First Aid Officers or emergency code calls, including external communication with emergency services.
Walking on uneven circuit track	Slips, trips and falls	Supervising teachers/adults and students are to wear enclosed footwear. Supervising teachers are aware that the Taronga Western Plains Zoo circuit is 6km in length. Appropriate transport provisions must be arranged to suit student capabilities. School must communicate with Education Administration Officer if additional provisions are required for student access.
Environmental Impacts	Extreme Weather Conditions (incl. Heat stress, Sunburn, Storms, High Winds)	In the event of severe weather, Taranga Western Plains Zoo Emergency Response Plan will be enacted. Each school's duty of care responsibility must dictate whether their excursion is to go ahead – option for school to cancel/postpone their visit. School's advised that appropriate PPE is recommended for excursion (via excursion information document) – including water, sunscreen, hats, warm clothing (in winter) and wet weather gear. Water available from drinking water taps throughout the Zoo. Teachers should be aware of areas of shelter in Zoo grounds in case of hot or wet weather (via excursion information document).
Information Centre and Communications	Unprepared for Excursion Additional attending adults unaware of supervision requirements	It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that all relevant attending adults are informed of their responsibility while on excursion. This information will be emailed to the school and will include risk assessment and other relevant site information. Guests are not permitted to bring and operate radios within Zoo grounds. Additional information also available on Taronga Website (www.taronga.org.au)
Contact with Flora and Fauna	Animal bite or scratch Disease or allergy	Animals are regularly checked for potential disease.

		Students are reminded to observe proper hygiene after contact with animals during pre-booked workshop and programs- i.e. washing hands or use antibacterial foam.
		Restricted access and instructional signage must be observed by public.
		First Aid available via Taronga Western Plains Zoo Emergency Response Plan (See above: First Aid and Emergency Response).
		Guests are not to feed animals under any circumstances.
Water Bodies	Injury or drowning	Supervising teachers/ adults must supervise all students at all times near water.
		All water bodies in Zoo grounds are equipped with safety equipment.
	Collision	Students and teachers will be briefed on potential traffic hazards before accessing behind the Scenes areas (for pre booked workshops or programs).
Behind the Scenes access/ tours	Slips, Trips, Falls	Children to accept the horizontal has a constant to be a constant to the const
	First Aid or Medical Emergency	Students accessing behind the scenes areas to be accompanied by Taronga Western Plains Zoo staff (carrying a two-way radio and mobile phone) at all times and briefed on safety hazards related to potential trips or slips.
		All staff operating the tour are trained, have all competencies signed off and documented and hold a current LR.
	Untrained staff	The vehicle is equipped with 2 way radio, H ₂ O fire extinguisher and air horn. A camera for viewing passengers in
	Student misbehaviour	place for Taronga staff.
	Guests trying to exit the bus while out	All guests undertake a pre tour safety briefing.
Savannah Bus Tour	on Savannah exhibit	Taronga staff to maintain a 10m distance between the vehicle and any animals in the exhibit.
	Unwanted contact with animals	Driver to call Zoo keeping team for assistance to retrieve lost items from the vehicle.
	Items fallen from truck	Vehicle breakdown to be managed in accordance with the Animal Emergency Procedures.
	Truck breakdown or emergency	Supervising teachers/ adults must supervise all students at all times while on the tour.

		In the event of continued misbehaviour, staff to return the truck immediately to loading area.
		Animals are under the supervision of trained Taronga Western Plains Zoo staff members.
Animal bites or scratches to visitor	Animal hite or caretel	Animals used during workshops are conditioned to minimize potential bites or scratches.
during pre-booked education workshop or program	Animal bite or scratch	Animal Handling Procedures and policies kept up to date and communicated with staff.
		First aid Officers on site (See above: First Aid and Emergency Response).
Dish of Zonobia disease a Discourage	Infantion	Clear instructions given by staff during every workshop (e.g. hand washing procedures and locations).
Risk of Zoonotic disease e.g. Ringworm, Salmonella	Infection	Consistent adherence to standard husbandry procedures (e.g. animal handling training, hygiene, quarantine procedures, staff ensure up-to-date-knowledge and communication of animal health, control of pests).
		Group size maximum determined for each teaching space.
	Uncontrolled visitors could lead to adverse animal behaviour (e.g. scratch/bite)	Clear instructions given by staff before visitors enter area.
Adverse group/individual behaviour		Clear communication with visitors before their Zoo visit that duty of care/behaviour management is the responsibility of the supervising teachers/adults.
		Consistent behaviour management (including removing visitors from area if necessary).
		Designated paths and seating areas to assist in effective management of groups.
Extreme weather		Taronga Education to provide schools advanced communication regarding PPE recommended for excursion – including rain coats, water, sunscreen, enclosed shoes and hats.
	Heat related issues (lethargy, heat stress), extreme cold weather, high wind issues (branches falling), heavy rain (flooding, slip hazard)	Water available from drinking water taps throughout the Zoo.
		Shady areas provided in all teaching locations and around the site.
		Trees area maintained around teaching spaces to minimize branch falling.

	Taronga educators to monitoring visitors during workshops and programs and modify activity/venue as necessary.
	In the event of severe weather, Taronga's Emergency Response Plan will be enacted.
	Taronga staff must declare all suspected and confirmed cases of communicable disease and directed to self-isolate as appropriate and in accordance with NSW Health.
	Students and Teachers must declare any suspected or confirmed cases of communicable disease to their school and not attend the excursion/incursion.
	Taronga staff will follow and implement guidelines and protocols in accordance with Taronga WHS and NSW health in relation to communicable diseases which includes (but is not limited to)Thoroughly wiping down (with disinfectant) all equipment that guests will come in to contact with -Regular hand washing with soap or use of hand sanitiser
Spread of communicable disease by	Revise and modify program manuals and checklists such as SOPs to support program delivery.
taff	Staff/guests to wear a face mask if required and identified through WHS risk assessment and guidelines.
	Program delivery for children/students to be line with NSW Health guidelines for schools and childcare – https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/education/schools-and-childcare
	Program delivery will be in line with TWPZ site protocols and COVID-19 Safety Plan for Zoos, Reptile Parks and Aquariums- https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-06/covid-19-safety-plan-zoos-reptile-parks-and-aquariums_0.pdf
	Regular briefings to Educators and GEOs communicating and reinforcing COVID-19 protocols.
	Staff asked to provide feedback in regards to physical distancing (both for staff and children) and immediately report areas of concern to supervisor and manager.
Spread of communicable disease by students/guests	Students and guests will not attend the site if feeling unwell and will notify Education Admin. Program participants must also declare all suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 and self-isolate as appropriate and in accordance with NSW Health.
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Education staff will follow guidelines and protocols in accordance with Taronga WHS and NSW health in relation to communicable diseases which includes (but is not limited to); -Thoroughly wiping down (with disinfectant) all equipment that they have come in to contact before and after use -Regular hand washing with soap or use of hand sanitiser -Adhering to Education guidelines at all times and with staff/adults maintaining 1.5 metres where practical. -All guests will follow the instructions from TWPZ staff. If a student/guest is showing flu-like symptoms, they will be immediately quarantined or sent home from the site and will be permitted to return only once well again or if they have been cleared of having COVID-19 if this is a concern. External stakeholders must also declare all suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 and self-isolate as appropriate and in accordance with NSW Health. Guests will all have been registered online through web link to ensure correct recording for contact tracing. Children participating in programs may be encouraged to bring a mask but not mandatory. Students, supervising teachers and guests will be briefed on arrival to education activity (e.g. Workshop, meeting, etc.) to ensure they are aware of guidelines and requirements. Students, supervising teachers and guests will be reminded throughout the day in regards to good hygiene practices. Students and supervising teachers will not access communal Taronga staff areas such as lunch areas and kitchens **EVENING AND OVERNIGHT PROGRAMS** It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that all relevant attending adults are informed of their Attending adults and students responsibility while on excursion. This information will be emailed to the school and will include this risk Information and Communications unaware of excursion and supervision assessment and other relevant site information. Additional information also available on Taronga Website requirements. (www.taronga.org.au).

Traffic hazards and vehicles	Injury from a moving vehicle	Taronga Education to provide schools advanced communication regarding drop off, parking arrangements and supervision requirements at the Zoo. Schools are instructed to sign in at Information. If the school arrives before 4pm the school will be instructed to drive around to the camp site. If after 4pm (after hours) Taronga staff will meet group at Information and escort the group to camp. Supervising teachers must: • ensure all students alight from buses/ vehicles in the designated parking areas not directly in front of the Education Centre. • ensure all students are aware that general road rules apply to all circuits throughout the site. • provide supervision for students when embarking / disembarking from transport vehicles and be instructed on safe crossing points (i.e. pedestrian crossings). This applies upon arrival and around the circuit. • be familiar with Equipment Hire Agreement form (located at the end of this document) • ensure students use designated walking paths around the site. Taronga traffic management rules in place include but are not limited to: • ten kilometer speed limit enforced for all vehicles. • safety buzzer/light in use for buggies. • the provision of hazard lights when Zoo vehicles are travelling backwards around the zoo circuit.
Child Protection	Duty of Care Management (including lost students/isolation from group)	Taronga provides free entry for supervising adults at a ratio of 1:10 for all stage groups on ZooSnooz. Schools to provide supervision as per student needs. Primary duty of care is with the school's attending teachers/adults. Students should be chaperoned at all times within Zoo grounds by supervising teachers/adults. As per the New South Wales Department of Education Child Protection Update 2024, students must be supervised by School Staff at all times while on Zoo Grounds. Example; Several Students wander off and jump over a fence. One student falls and breaks their leg. This is an example of reportable allegations of neglect. Supervising teachers have acknowledged this via the online booking form.

		Supervising teachers/adults should implement effective supervision strategies (e.g. name badges, mobile contact number displayed on students, utilizing Zoo staff in case of emergencies, regular roll calls and emergency meeting points). Supervising teachers must ensure students behave appropriately and follow instructions at all times. If required, all guests must follow requests from Taronga employees e.g. in the event of an emergency, while in the vicinity of animals, retail areas etc.
First Aid and Emergency Response	First Aid Required Emergency (including medical	All attending schools are to bring their own first aid kit. Supervising teachers must be in possession of information on all students' medical needs, including Emergency Response Plans (including Anaphylaxis and Asthma) and medication. Taronga staff will be onsite overnight, with accommodation close to access gates. Supervising teachers/adults are shown this location. Mobile contact between supervising teachers/adults and Taronga staff is also available. ZooSnooz mobile number - 0404 472 691. For escalation of Medical Aid, supervising teachers/adults are to approach Taronga Staff or contact them via the ZooSnooz mobile phone number as Taronga's Emergency Response Plan can be implemented, including external communication with emergency services. All overnight Taronga staff are first aid trained. First Aid Officers are on duty within Zoo opening hours. In the event of an evacuation or lockdown, Taronga's Emergency Response Plan will be enacted. Visitors (students, teachers, parents) are to adhere to instructions from Taronga staff.
Environmental Impacts	Extreme Weather Conditions (incl. Heat stress, Sunburn, Storms, High Winds).	Taronga Education to provide schools advanced communication regarding PPE recommended for ZooSnooz excursion (via the ZooSnooz terms and conditions document) – including rain coats, water, sunscreen, enclosed shoes and hats. Water available from drinking water taps throughout the Zoo.

		Taronga staff will monitor visitors and suggesting changes in activity/venue as necessary.
		In the event of severe weather, Taronga's Emergency Response Plan will be enacted.
		Taronga Education to provide schools advanced communication regarding all guests needing to wear enclosed footwear.
	Getting lost/disorientated	School must communicate with Taronga Education if additional provisions are required for student access.
	Access to exhibits	Communications regarding safety and expectations on site (e.g. no-running) given by Taronga staff prior to walks and accessing behind the scenes areas as walks can be conducted on uneven, unpaved surfaces.
Night and morning walks and behind the scenes access	Collision	Taronga staff to be at front and back of group with schools' supervising teachers dispersed through group.
	Slips, Trips, Falls	Guests accessing behind the scenes areas must be accompanied by Taronga staff (carrying a two-way radio and mobile phone) at all times and briefed on safety hazards related to potential risks.
	First Aid or Medical Emergency	Torches will be carried by Taronga staff.
		Designated roads and paths are used where possible.
		Students are reminded to observe proper hygiene after contact with animals - i.e. washing hands or use antibacterial foam.
	Animal bite or scratch	Taronga adheres to animal husbandry procedures (e.g. animal handling training, hygiene, quarantine procedures, up-to-date-knowledge and communication of animal health, control of pests).
Contact with Flora and Fauna	Disease or allergy	Restricted access and instructional signage must be observed by all guests.
		Guests are not to feed animals under any circumstances.
		First Aid available (See above: First Aid and Emergency Response).
		Supervising teachers/ adults must supervise all students at all times near water.
Water Bodies	Injury or drowning	All water bodies in zoo grounds are equipped with safety equipment.

		Students under the age of 5 are not permitted to participate in the overnight program.
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		Schools undertake a safety induction and orientation on arrival. During this Taronga staff inform guests to stay together as a group and remain within the compound unless accompanied about a staff member.
		Checklist during safety induction signed by supervising teachers.
	Getting lost/disorientated	Supervising teachers/adults acknowledge that they hold primary duty of care for their students at all times during the program. Regular attendance checks are to take place during the program.
	Access to exhibits	Taronga staff onsite overnight, with accommodation close to access gates. Supervising teachers/adults are shown this location. Mobile contact between supervising teachers/adults and Taronga staff is also available.
Overnight accommodation in tents	Slips, Trips, Falls	Schools are permitted to bring torches for tent use only.
	First Aid or Medical Emergency	Lighting provided on paths at site.
		Security sweep the Zoo after close, between 6pm and 12am, between 12-4am and again during the early morning.
		Animal exhibits are locked after hours. Most exhibit entry points are behind the scenes. Many animals are locked off exhibit overnight.
		In the event of an animal escape, Taronga after hours Emergency Response Procedures are enacted; availability of sufficient safe houses for group size.
		Low slip flooring in facilities.
Showers	Slips, trips and falls	Teachers to accompany students when using the facilities.
	Lack of privacy in unisex toilets	Schools groups to shower males and females at separate times.
		Disabled toilets available.

Communicable Disease	Spread of communicable disease by staff	See above in Daytime Visits
		First Aid available (See above: First Aid and Emergency Response).
Campfire	rood allergies	Taronga staff limit the number of guests around the campfire to avoid overcrowding.
	Burns Food allergies	Specific metal toasting tongs are provided for marshmallow roasting – the handles are plastic to avoid burns.
		Taronga staff brief guests about safe movement in the area, the use of toasting tongs and waiting for marshmallow have cooled sufficiently before eating.
		Sufficient lighting in campfire area.
		First Aid available (See above: First Aid and Emergency Response).
		Students must bring epipens or equivalent for known allergies.
		Supervising teachers must be in possession of information on all students' medical needs, including Emergency Response Plans (including Anaphylaxis and Asthma) and medication.
		Schools to provide Taronga advanced communication (14 days prior) regarding dietary requirements of attending guests.
Food preparation	Food poisoning and allergies	Cleaners service the site daily.
	Burns	Commercial quality dishwasher used.
		Supervising teachers/adults are to assist with service of food. Students are not permitted to serve food.
		Taronga staff are food safety trained.
		Students are not permitted in the vicinity of the BBQ while cooking.
		Food preparation and cooking is undertaken by Taronga staff only.

Communicable Disease	Spread of communicable disease by students/guests	See above in Daytime Visits
Equipment		
List any equipment, including personal	protective equipment, to be provided for	use during the activities/programs.
First aid supplies available at designate	d points around the site. These are	
accessed by designated Taronga First A	id staff.	
First aid team on call at all times during	operating hours.	
Water is available from drinking founta	_	Is all equipment at the venue maintained in accordance with the WHS Regulation, appropriate standards and codes of practice? Yes No
Other requirements Where relevant, list other requirements	Appropriate clothing, footwear, water	and sunscreen advisable.
such as clothing, footwear and sun screen that participants are required to bring.	School's supervising teachers must be i Anaphylaxis and Asthma) and Medicati	n possession of information on all students' medical needs, including Emergency Response Plans (including on.
Indicate if any items are provided by the venue		
Supervision/services	In Zoo grounds, the primary duty of car	re rests with the supervising teachers/adults with each school group.
List services provided by venue including briefings, guided tours, supervision of	Safety briefing is provided to students	and teachers prior to education workshops and at the commencement of the ZooSnooz program.
activities etc	In-grounds security, guest services and	qualified first aid staff.
Access	Are access to and egress from the pren	
	Is the venue wheelchair accessible?	Yes ⊠ No □
	Are disabled toilets available?	Yes No 🗌
Emergencies	Are emergency procedures in place in t	
	Are employees and others undertaking	work (including volunteers) trained to deal with emergency procedures?
		Yes No No
Construction/ Maintenance/ Repair	Are licensed personnel used for all con-	struction, maintenance and repair work? Yes 🛛 No 🗌
First Aid	Are first aid kits available for each activ	
	Is there a trained first aid officer at the	
	Is a first aid room available?	Yes ⊠ No □
Child-related employment		work (including volunteers) of your organisation engaged in child-related employment as defined by the
	Commission for Children and Young Pe	ople Act 1998? Yes 🛛 No 🗌

If your organisation is registered with an Approved Screening Agency in NSW, have all employees and others undertaking work (including volunteers)
undergone employment screening?
Yes 🖂 No 🗌
Have all employees and others undertaking work (including volunteers) completed an Applicant Declaration and Consent form?
Yes 🖂 No 🗌

Please note that the information provided above was current as at the date above. It has been provided by the venue to assist employees in their risk management planning for excursions. If further information is required please directly contact the venue. If this information changes, the venue will advise the Department of Education and Communities and provide an update.

EQUIPMENT HIRE AGREEMENT

Obley Road, Dubbo NSW 2830 / 02 6881 1406 / ABN 41 733 619 876

One form per group

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE For your safety: Roads and pathways may have loose gravel. Always take care to avoid skidding or throwing up gravel that may injure others. Take care to avoid collisions with pedestrians, especially children who may be unpredictable. Always wear a helmet when cycling, including any children child seats and caboose trailers. Date: ____ / ___ / ___ Hirer's Name: ___ Address: Mobile phone: Number Required ___ Standard Bike Bike with child seat (age and weight restrictions apply) Geared Bike Helmet ' Bike n Caboose (height and weight restrictions apply) TERMS & CONDITIONS OF HIRE You (the hirer) must be at least 16 years old to hire equipment. Photo identification such as a current Drivers Licence or Passport is required for all hires. You must return the Hire Equipment by 3:30pm on the date of hire ('the hire period') You acknowledge that additional hire fees will be payable if the hire period is exceeded. No partial refund will be given for Hire Equipment returned early. Taronga Conservation Society Australia ('the Zoo') may resume possession of the Hire Equipment and remove from the Zoo grounds any person who, in the reasonable opinion of the Zoo, materially breaches these Terms & Conditions of Hire or the general Terms and Conditions of Entry to Taronga Western Plains Zoo. You must obey all road rules while riding bicycles. Your personal information will be collected and used as stated in these terms and conditions and as more fully stated in our Privacy Statement: https://taronga.org.au/about-us/privacy-policy You must always wear the supplied bike helmet while riding the bicycle. This includes children in bike seats and caboose trailers. For safety reasons it is also recommended that you wear closed toe shoes while cycling. You agree to pay for any damages, however so caused, to the Hire Equipment and shall be responsible for the full replacement costs, or shall pay full retail value of any equipment rented and not returned to the Hire Centre ☐ I know how to operate a bike I understand the conditions of hire

I know how to operate brakes

☐ I know I must wear a helmet at all times

Signed;

☐ I will ask for help, if I need further

instructions