



Teacher Program Overview

Bear Essentials – Year Eight

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Minimum Participants: 10 students

Maximum Participants: 35 students

Program Overview:

During this program, students will investigate the specialised body systems Polar bears are equipped with to survive in the harsh environment of the Arctic Circle. This program aligns with the Australian Curriculum primarily through the biological sciences strand of Science and secondarily through the physical sciences strand. Polar Bear anatomy and biology will be examined and compared with humans in relation to the specialised functioning of organs in their digestive, sensory and reproductive systems. The overall role each body system plays in the survival of Polar bears will be considered with reference to how these systems are challenged by the rapidly changing environment the bears occupy. Energy storage, transfer and transformation will be a secondary theme within this program, referred to in the contexts of chemical energy stored by the bears in preparation for famine and the energy transfers and transformations causal of altering the bears' environment through climate change. Given the conservation status of Polar bears, this program will conclude with a discussion about how humans are contributing to climate change and students will identify solutions to conserve energy and minimise impacts at an individual level and on a global scale.

Alignment with the Australian Curriculum:

SCIENCE

Science Understanding

Biological Sciences	Multi-cellular organisms contain systems of organs carrying out specialised functions that enable them to survive and reproduce (ACSSU150)
Physical Sciences	Energy appears in different forms, including movement (kinetic energy), heat and potential energy, and energy transformations and transfers cause change within systems (ACSSU155)

General Capabilities:

- Literacy
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capabilities
- Ethical Understanding

Cross-Curriculum Priorities:

- Sustainability

Additional Information:



Teacher Program Schedule Bear Essentials – Year Eight

Time

9.15am Arrival

The school will arrive promptly at 9:15am and will be met by a Marine Education Officer on the lawn next to the flagpoles out the front of Sea World.

9.20am Park Entry

The Marine Education Officer will lead the school group through the admissions gate to Polar Bear Shores for the education program.

9.30am Education Program

This program is approximately 45 minutes, and will finish by 10:30am at the latest. Please note: selection of this program will prevent the school group from seeing the morning *Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show*.

10.30am Program Conclusion

At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's discretion.



Teacher Program Overview and Schedule

Environmental Issues

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: 100 students

Program Overview:

Set in the underwater viewing gallery of Shark Bay, this program introduces students to the numerous ways humans are interconnected to the oceans and their inhabitants. Students of all year levels will engage in inquiry-based learning activities to discover how fishing activity, shark nets, marine debris and pollution are all contributing to loss of biodiversity and what actions can be taken personally and collectively to live sustainably and reduce our ecological footprint.

Additional Information:

**Program is not curriculum aligned*

Program Schedule

Time	
9.15am	Arrival
	Meet Marine Education Officer on lawn next to flagpoles out front of Sea World
9.20am	Park entry and transfer to Shark Bay
9.30am	Education Program
	Please note: selection of this program will prevent school from seeing morning Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show
10.30am	Program Conclusion
	At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's digression.



Teacher Program Overview and Schedule

Getting Smart About Sharks

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: 100 students

Program Overview:

During this interactive program, students of all ages will learn about the amazing biology and ecology of sharks. Students will discover the variety of marine habitats where sharks live, what roles they occupy in their habitats and how they are equipped to survive in their environment. Specific adaptations covered will address how sharks move, hunt, protect themselves, rest and breathe. Students will consider how some human activities are threatening the survival of sharks and will discuss actions that can be taken individually and globally to help with conservation of these animals.

Additional Information:

**Program is not curriculum aligned*

Program Schedule

Time	
9.15am	Arrival
	Meet Marine Education Officer on lawn next to flagpoles out front of Sea World
9.20am	Park entry and transfer to Shark Bay
9.30am	Education Program
	Please note: selection of this program will prevent school from seeing morning Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show
10.30am	Program Conclusion
	At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's digression.



Teacher Program Overview and Schedule In Depth With Dolphins

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: n/a

Program Overview:

During this interactive program, students of all ages will learn about the amazing biology and ecology of sharks. Students will discover the variety of marine habitats where sharks live, what roles they occupy in their habitats and how they are equipped to survive in their environment. Specific adaptations covered will address how sharks move, hunt, protect themselves, rest and breathe. Students will consider how some human activities are threatening the survival of sharks and will discuss actions that can be taken individually and globally to help with conservation of these animals.

Additional Information:

**Program is not curriculum aligned*

Program Schedule

Time	
10.30am	Arrival Advised latest entry time to park
11.00am	Affinity Dolphin Show Group to arrive at Dolphin Beach for 11:15am Affinity Dolphin Show
11.35am	Education Program Please note: selection of this program will prevent school from seeing morning Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show
12.20pm	Program Conclusion At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's digression.



Teacher Program Overview and Schedule

Paws, Claws and Roars

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: 35 students

Program Overview:

This interactive program provides a broad overview of Polar bear biology and ecology for students of all ages. Students will learn where Polar Bears live, what role they occupy in their habitat and how they are equipped to survive in their environment. Specific adaptations covered will address how Polar bears move, hunt, protect themselves and maintain body temperature. Students will consider how some human activities are threatening Polar bears' survival and will discuss actions that can be taken individually and globally to help with conservation of this species.

Additional Information:

**Program is not curriculum aligned*

Program Schedule

Time	
9.15am	Arrival
	Meet Marine Education Officer on lawn next to flagpoles out front of Sea World
9.20am	Park entry and transfer to Polar Bear Shores
9.30am	Education Program
	Please note: selection of this program will prevent school from seeing morning Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show
10.30am	Program Conclusion
	At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's digression.



Teacher Program Overview and Schedule

The Real Deal With Seals

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: n/a

Program Overview:

During this interactive program, students of all ages will learn about the fascinating biology and ecology of seals. Students will discover the variety of marine habitats where seals live, what roles they occupy in their habitats and how they are equipped to survive in their environment. Specific adaptations covered will address how seals move, hunt, protect themselves, rest, breathe and maintain body temperature. When available, a marine mammal trainer will deliver a short talk about training and animal care usually involving a brief training session with a seal. Students will consider how some human activities are threatening the survival of seals and will discuss actions that can be taken individually and globally to help with conservation of these animals.

Additional Information:

**Program is not curriculum aligned*

Program Schedule

Time	
9.45am	Arrival Advised latest entry time to park
10.00am	<i>Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show</i> Group to arrive at the Sea Lion Theatre for 10:15am <i>Fish Detectives Sea Lion Show</i>
10.35am	Education Program Please note: selection of this program will prevent school from seeing morning <i>Affinity Dolphin Show</i>
11.20pm	Program Conclusion At the conclusion of this session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day, at the teacher's digression.