Education and Conservation Programs

Sydney Zoo’s Philosophy

Sydney Zoo believes that in order to want to protect animals, people need to be provided the opportunity to care for them. To care for animals, people need to be able to interact with them in a meaningful way. Educational programs are vital to increasing people’s understanding and awareness of conversation issues. Enhancing people’s understanding of wildlife conservation can create empathy and the desire to protect animals and their environment.

Modern zoos aim to delight, inspire and educate, by allowing visitors to experience animals in meaningful ways.

Sydney Zoo aims to bring the opportunity to become immersed in the life of exotic animals to Western Sydney’s doorstep. Our animals are conservation ambassadors – by providing visitors the opportunity to see them first hand, the animals promote a cycle of understanding and empathy, which is the foundation for harnessing conservation ethics. This passion for conservation is therefore enhanced, not only for those lucky enough to see these beautiful animals in the wild, but for all visitors of Sydney Zoo.

To ensure effective implementation of this cycle, Sydney Zoo’s commitment to education is deeply entwined with the highest levels of respect for animals and their ongoing welfare. To fulfil this commitment, Sydney will:

- Ensure that animal welfare is the highest priority
- Treat the animals with dignity and respect
- Ensure that the animals are in an environment that is enriching and stimulating to encourage natural behaviours

Deliver a range of education programs to promote conservation ethics, which will focus on:

- Promotion of conservation and habitat preservation ethics to the community and school children, at
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both a regional and local level

Promotion of local Aboriginal cultural heritage and values.

Teaching our kids the importance of conservation

Sydney Zoo’s proposal includes an educational program for school students to teach them about the challenges encountered by each species on exhibition, from habitat destruction, to illegal wildlife trade and poaching. School kits will be provided to students enable them to continue their learning journey.

The Australian animal exhibits will provide students with the opportunity to learn about the rich biodiversity of the Sydney region and the challenges that many ecosystems are currently facing. This program will educate students and visitors about local conservation measures being undertaken, such as nesting boxes, regeneration of native trees and shrubs, and various other ways in which we can better protect the native wildlife in the Sydney region.

Aboriginal Cultural education program

Western Sydney has a rich Aboriginal history that needs to be protected and respected. Sydney Zoo is proposing to use the Australian wildlife exhibit to teach visitors about the rich local Aboriginal culture and heritage. This exhibit will feature stories about their beliefs, way of life and history of the Darug local Aboriginal people.

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