



Student Behaviour Expectations

Thank you for choosing to visit Zoodoo - it is a place of learning, discovery, and fun.

To ensure that your visit is a valuable learning experience and enjoyable for all, please take the time to go through these guidelines with your students at school **prior** to your visit, with a **reminder** just before arrival.

Please **ensure that students clearly understand what behaviour is expected** on their visit so that everyone can have a great day. While students will be excited to be in a new environment to learn, they must still behave sensibly.

Teacher / Student Guidelines:

- **Remind students** that they are all ambassadors for their school when outside their classroom and should leave a good impression on anyone else who is visiting Zoodoo. **For teachers:** have mitigation strategies in place in case Zoodoo's behavioural expectations are disregarded.
- **Students must remain close to teachers/supervisors at all times** – including inside the zoo, during break times and in the gift store. **Do not allow students to wander off by themselves.**
- **Ensure students show respect towards everyone and Zoodoo facilities as well** – This includes showing full respect towards each other, Zoodoo staff and educators, and other visitors at all times. Respecting facilities particularly pertains to toilets, the gift shop, reception area, and meeting areas. This respect includes keeping facilities clean, throwing away rubbish, and reducing noise / unruly behaviour.
- **Show respect towards our animals and their homes**
 - **Refrain from shouting and use normal talking voices** and most importantly **do not run**. Animals have already died because of stress-related symptoms. Animals like kangaroos will panic at the sight of a class of students who are intent on petting them. **Following the Zoo Educator's instructions is critical.**
 - **If invited** to feed or pet animals, **the main condition is that the animal must have the choice to approach**. If the animal chooses not to approach, chasing or walking up to the animal is strictly prohibited.
 - Students are not permitted to touch any animal unless invited by the Zoo Educator.
 - Students should not put their fingers into animal habitats or tap on glass.
 - Do not feed any of the animals – even with food pellets – unless permitted by the Zoo Educator.
- **Running and climbing on structures is not permitted** anywhere at Zoodoo. This is to avoid injury and damage to our facilities.

To get the most out of your visit, encourage your students to listen carefully to instructions, abide by the few rules and remain gentle and calm around animals.

- **Do their best on the day and have high expectations in terms of their learning and behaviour.**
- **Respect the environment, animals, and all people, including visitors and staff.**
- **Willingly accept and embrace the learning challenges and opportunities presented.**
- **Increase their learning and knowledge through an 'inquiry' mindset.**

We hope that both you and your class have a fun, enjoyable and rewarding excursion to Zoodoo.