

Autism Friendly
Werribee Open
Range Zoo
Social Scripts for School



My class is going to
Werribee Open Range Zoo.

It is a place where I can look at
animals, and learn about them and
their habitats.

There is a safari bus ride to see
some very big animals.

There will be other visitors at the
Zoo that I need to share the space
with.



Arriving at the Zoo

The bus will drop my class off outside the Zoo, and I will be able to see the entrance.



Arriving at the Zoo

My teacher will go up to the bus window to get the program for the day.

I may have to wait in line with my class and adult helpers before we go in. I can talk to my friends about the animals we will see soon.

There may be other schools arriving at the same time, so it is important I stay with my class.



Going into the Zoo

When I go inside the Zoo, I will see this open area. On a busy day, I will see lots of other people.

All the other people are here to see the animals too, but will also be using the toilets, and the playgrounds too.

I will always be with my teacher, if there is anything or anywhere that I don't like, I just need to tell my teacher.



Staff and Volunteers

There are lots of staff and volunteers at the Zoo who are here to help me and answer my questions.

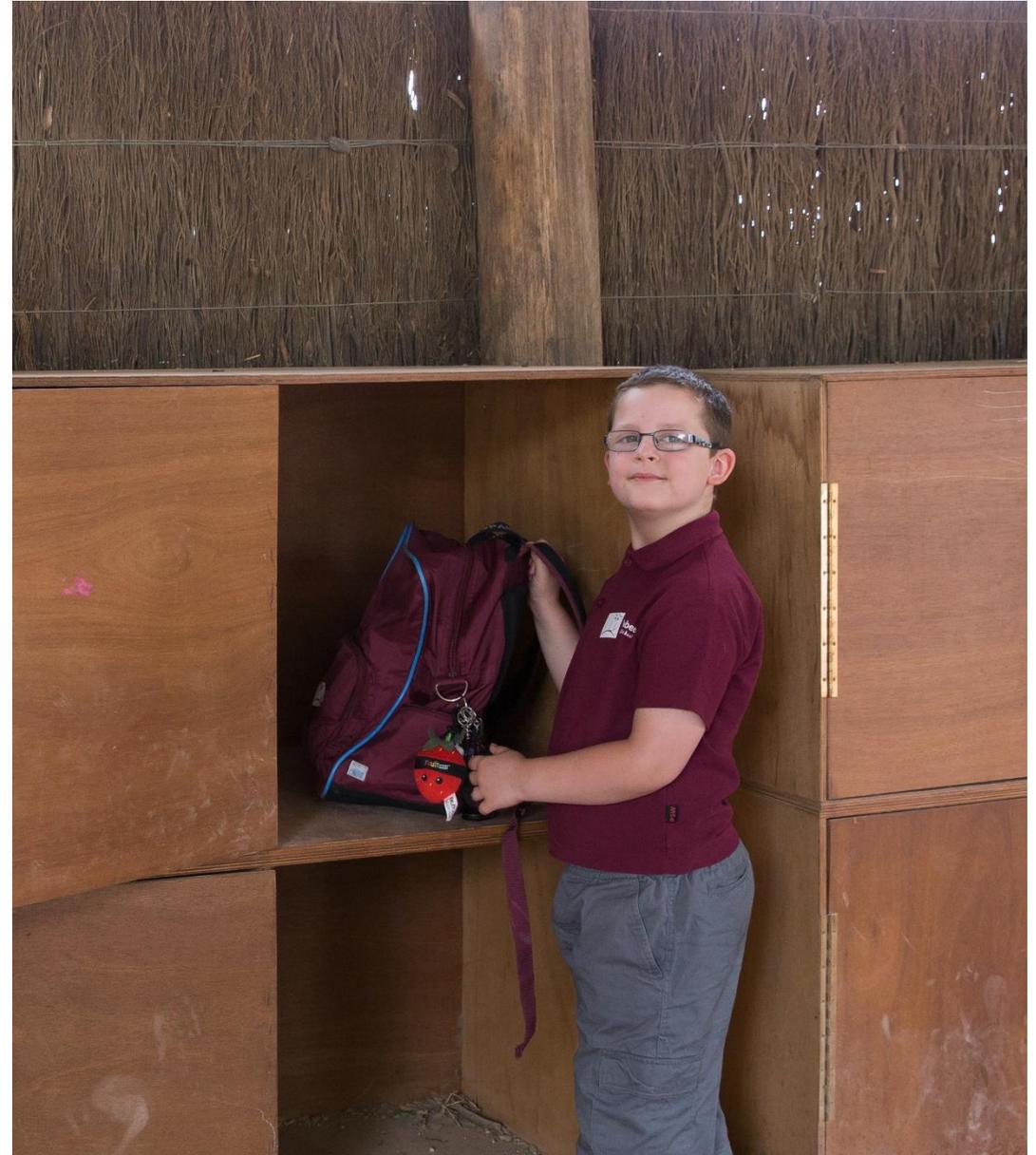
If I get lost from my group, I can ask them for help.

They may be wearing different clothing, but they will all have one of these logos on their clothing. They might have a radio to talk to other people to help me.



Lockers

I might be asked by my teacher to put my bag with my lunch into a locker. I will come back to get my snack and lunch later if I put my bag away. My bag will be safe here.





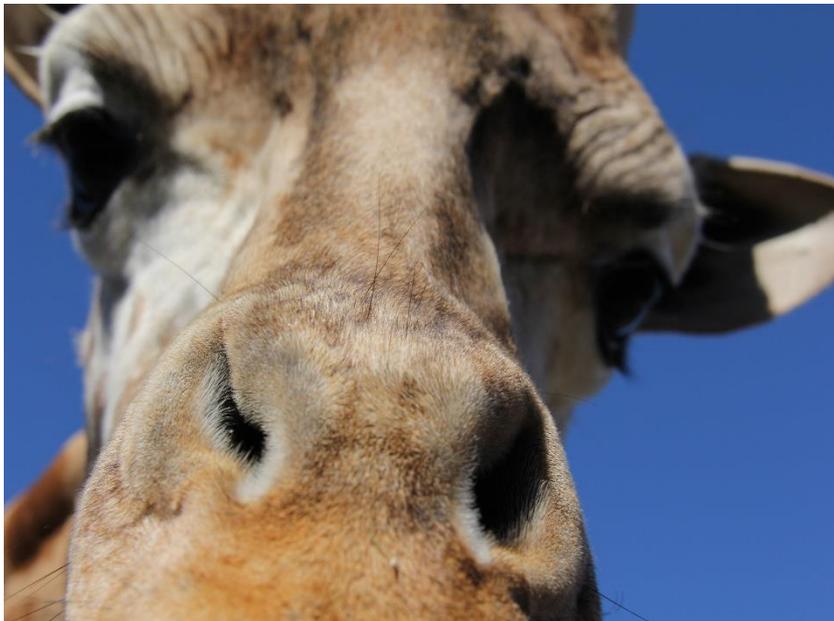
Walking around the zoo

I might visit all areas of the zoo or I might visit just a few. My teacher has a map and knows where we are going.

It's important that I listen to my teachers directions and stay with my group.



I will see lots of different animals at Werribee Open Range Zoo.





Zoo keepers

The animals at the Zoo are very lucky and have special people called zoo keepers who look after them and feed them.

I need to remember not to feed any of the animals or throw any objects into their homes as it might make them sick or injured.

Safari bus

I might go on a safari bus with my class. My class may have to line up and wait to get on the bus. I need to walk and not run as I am getting on the bus.

We will drive around and see lots of bigger animals.

It is important to stay seated when the bus is moving so I don't fall over. The bus can be very loud and noisy.



Sound and Smells

There might be unusual smells as you walk around the zoo, as animals smell very different to us.

And they can make interesting, sometimes loud noises too.



Serval presentation

I might go with my teacher and my class into the Serval Presentation. I will sit quietly on the chairs and not call out loudly when the cat comes out. The doors will be closed so that the cat can not escape. I will be safe sitting with my class.



Australian Journey

I might go into an area of the Zoo where kangaroos and emus can walk freely around me.

I need to stay quiet and walk so that the animals don't feel scared. I will be safe as well.



Bandicoot Hideout

I may go into the Bandicoot Hideout with my class. It is very dark inside and I can see some animals that wake up during the night once I've gone to sleep.

So I don't scare the animals I should remember to be very quiet and only walk inside.

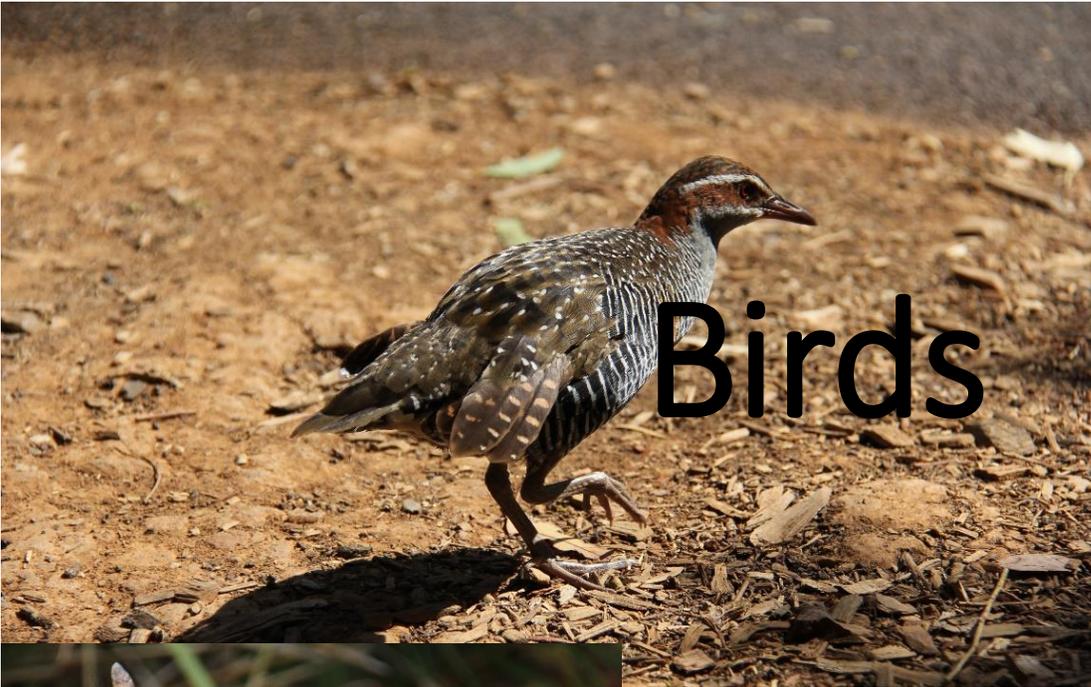


Glass windows

Some of the animals are behind glass windows. They might get scared if I knock on the glass.



Birds



Lots of wild birds live at the Zoo. I might see them walking or flying round. They will not hurt me, and I will be safe if I don't chase them or feed them.



Meeting an animal

I may get to meet an animal up close, perhaps I will look at it carefully, or even gently touch. It is important that I listen to the instructions so the animal feels safe and doesn't get scared.



Eating at the Zoo

I will wait until my teacher tells me it is time to eat.

I do need to remember to wash my hands before eating any of my food



Bathrooms

If I need to go to the bathroom, I will tell my teacher, and they will look on the map to find the closest one. There may be other people using the bathrooms

In the bathrooms there are hand dryers, some people use these to dry their hands. If I press the button it will make a loud noise.



Important things to remember

- Follow the adult who is leading the group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things that I am allowed to
- Listen carefully when an adult is talking to you
- To be quiet around the animals and not scare them by tapping on the glass
- Do not feed or throw any objects into the animals homes



Goodbye

When my teacher tells me it's time, I must get back on the bus to go back to school.

I can wave goodbye to all the staff and the animals.

I am going to Werribee Open Range Zoo with my class.
Everyone at Werribee Open Range Zoo hopes I have an
amazing day.



WERRIBEE
OPEN RANGE ZOO

For Foundation to Grade 2 Students

I may meet a Habitat Detective today. They will help me to look for clues to find out what animals need to survive. I can explore safely in their garden. I might get to meet a special friend.

