**Youth Leadership FAQ’s**

**How long is each program day?**

Typically the days will be run between 10am – 3pm. On the days where we go off-site, there may be differing start and end times.

**What happens if I miss a day?**

We can offer catch up sessions via video conference for participants who miss program days. The session will ensure you feel familiar with the content moving forward. We can allocate more catch ups and support if needed.

**Will I get to touch an animal?**

Youth Leadership is about building leadership skills, capability and networks to take action for wildlife. There will be components of the program that will involve being around animals. If you are thinking about a career as a keeper, find out more about our Keeper for a Day program [here.](https://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/events/keeper-for-a-day/)

**Who will be running the program?**

Our Youth Leadership program is run by trained Zoo teachers (they’ve got some great stories to tell). There will be times where other zoo staff and industry experts from outside the Zoo are running a part of the day/all of the day. Our Zoo teachers will always be present during these times.

**Is this program accredited?**

This is a non-accredited program and has no connection to an external accreditation or professional body. You can still list it on your CV.

**How many hours of project work is required?**

During Term 3, participants will be continuing to work on and complete their projects. It is estimated that participants will spend a minimum of 15 hours during this time.

**How many other students will be part of the program?**

We will be selecting up to 30 students to be part of the program. We require a minimum of 25 students for the program to go ahead.

**Why are teachers involved with this program?**

Your endorsing teacher is your support and mentor back at school. Having a teacher who knows you well and understands the program is an essential part of the learning experience and will assist you on your journey. Your endorsing teacher is invited to come along to the design thinking workshop so they can understand design thinking too which means they'll be better placed to help you with your project and give you guidance if and when you need (plus improve their own skills). At the end of the program, your endorsing teacher is invited to attend the graduation evening to reflect on how far you've come and celebrate your success.

**Does this program cater to a diverse range of student needs?**

The program is open to students of all backgrounds and abilities and caters to all learning needs. Before the commencement of the program, we will ask students to provide us with any special need requirements to ensure we are providing the best learning experience and care possible.

**Will we get a chance to explore the Zoo?**

We definitely want you to check out the amazing animals we have in our Zoo. There will be several opportunities throughout the program for you to explore. You will also receive zoo membership with this program, which gives you free entry to any of our three properties.

**Where can we store bags/backpacks/personal belongings during the program?**

We recommend you keep personal belongings with you. The learning spaces will be secure from the public so you can leave items in their as well.

**Where can I buy drinks or food?**

There are various places you can purchase food and drinks around the Zoo. [Refer to the map for more information.](file:///%5C%5CZVDATA%5Cmelbourne%5Cmelbourne-zoo-map%5C)

**Where is the best place for us to have lunch?**

There are several options at the Zoo for eating. The best spots for lunch are one of the cafes or kiosks, pavilions and lawn areas.

**Where are the toilets?**

The training room will have a toilet located close by. There are also several toilets located around the Zoo. [Refer to the map for more information.](file:///%5C%5CZVDATA%5Cmelbourne%5Cmelbourne-zoo-map%5C)

**What if there is bad weather on the day?**

Melbourne Zoo is an outdoor all-weather venue. In the event of rain, the event will still go ahead as most of the day will be spent indoors. In the event of extreme or dangerous weather conditions, you will be notified of a cancellation.