



## CAIRNS AQUARIUM EDUCATION FACT SHEET

The Cairns Aquarium is a place of learning, fun and discovery! Encourage students' innate curiosity for the amazing creatures of the Great Barrier Reef and the North Queensland Wet Tropics Rainforest with our hands-on approach to teaching and learning. Our AquaNuts are reef and rainforest experts, constantly developing ways to engage and connect students with the living environment - to inspire them to value, conserve and make a difference for the future.

### EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Education programs are designed for all ages, focusing on a number of key ecosystems and species of North Queensland. Students will follow the journey of a raindrop as it descends from the Atherton Tablelands along freshwater creeks and streams, into the rivers, through the rainforest, past the mangroves, flowing into the Great Barrier Reef and finally into the depths of the Coral Sea.

Each program includes the following within your tour:

- An entertaining and engaging experience aligned to learning outcomes of the National Australian Curriculum's "Biological Science" and "Science as a Human Endeavour" strand.
- Focus on 9 Zone
  - Creeks & Streams
  - River Systems
  - Flooded Waterways and Billabongs
  - Tropical Rainforest
  - Forest Floor
  - Life in the Mangroves
  - The Great Barrier Reef
  - Dangers of the Reef
  - The Coral Sea
- A hands-on interactive session at the Reptile and Marine Life touch tank.
- Teachers excursion information booklet and student handout sent via email on confirmation of booking.

### BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Enquiries can be directed to [reservations@cairnsaquarium.com.au](mailto:reservations@cairnsaquarium.com.au).

### PROGRAM TIMES

Programs are available Monday - Friday during Queensland school terms. They are scheduled to commence every half hour to ensure optimum comfort for your arrival and reduce potential congestion. The first education programs are scheduled for 9.00 am and the last programs scheduled at 3.00 pm.

### PRICES

Kindy and Early Learning - \$15 per student

Prep to Secondary - \$20 per student

Adult Learning 18+ - \$28 per student

### FOC Policy

- 1 Teacher per 1 student for Special Needs Groups
- 1 teacher per 10 students for Vacation Care
- 1 teacher per 4 students for Early Childhood
- 1 teacher per 4 Prep students
- 1 teacher per 10 students for Primary
- 1 teacher per 12 students for Secondary
- Please confirm numbers at the time of booking for FOC to be valid

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Cairns Aquarium does not have storage facilities for morning teas or lunch. The onsite restaurant, Aqualuna, can provide cost effective meal and drink options for education groups upon enquiry. Munro Martin Park and Cairns Esplanade are each 1 block walking distance from the Aquarium.

### STUDENT ARRIVAL

Buses are able to disembark passengers at the entrance located at 5 Florence St. Please note there is no onsite parking available. Please allow 15 min intervals between buses to assist with admission procedures.

Students will be met by their allocated AquaNut educators and escorted into the aquarium for their preliminary briefing prior to commencing their 2-hour tour.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Once confirmed, bookings cancelled within 10 days of the scheduled date will incur a 30% cancellation fee to cover costs. Cancellations or non-arrival on the day will be charged in full. Cancellations made more than 10 days prior to the scheduled date of visit will not be charged. The booking date can be rescheduled within the same year (subject to availability).