



The Real Deal with Seals Program Overview & Schedule

Year Level: All

Program Duration: 45 minutes

Min. Participants: 10 students

Max. Participants: n/a

Location: Sea Lion Theatre

Program Overview:

During this interactive program, students of all ages will learn about the fascinating biology and ecology of seals. Students will discover the variety of marine habitats where seals live, what roles they occupy in their habitats and how they are equipped to survive in their environment. Specific adaptations covered will address how seals move, hunt, protect themselves, rest, breathe and maintain body temperature. When available, a Marine Mammal Trainer will deliver a short talk about training and animal care usually involving a brief training session with a seal. Students will consider how some human activities are threatening the survival of seals and will discuss actions that can be taken individually and globally to help with conservation of these animals.

This program has been developed to cater for mixed year level groups; groups wanting a general overview on marine conservation or a specific animal; and student groups from a different learning area than those covered in our standard curriculum-based education programs (for example an English class writing a persuasive essay on the topic of marine conservation).

Additional Information:

- The seal stadium receives the late morning sun, so please ensure staff and students come prepared with sun protection.
- *Program is not specifically curriculum aligned and is suitable for mixed year levels or groups visiting for various subject areas.*
- Groups participating in this program will be unable to see the morning *Affinity Dolphin Presentation*.

Program Schedule:

Time	
9:45am	Arrival It is recommended that the group arrive before 9:45am. Entry into the park is through admissions gate number 6.
10:00am	Seal Guardians Presentation The school group will head to Sea Lion Theatre by 10:00am for the 10:15am <i>Seal Guardians Presentation</i> .
10:35am	Education Program The school group is to remain behind in the stadium on completion of the <i>Seal Guardians Presentation</i> and a Marine Education Officer, who will deliver the <i>Real Deal with Seals</i> program, will meet them. This program is approximately 45 minutes and will finish by 11:25am at the latest.
11:25am	Program Conclusion At the conclusion of the session, students will be free to enjoy the park for the rest of the day at the discretion of school staff.