



• The Wollemi Pine

## YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

On Thursday 24 August, 35 Yr 11 Biology students went on an all day excursion to Mt Annan Botanical Gardens to study various aspects of the possible evolution of Australian plants and animals.

Students looked at fossils of megafauna and platypuses while discussing evidences for continental drift and the existence of the ancient supercontinent of Gondwanaland.

Students considered the various adaptations possessed by different Australian animals and saw a live possum, shingleback lizard and diamond python brought out by an animal-keeper from Taronga Park Zoo.

We also looked at various types of plants and their features at the Botanical Gardens from cycads to banksias, including the famous Wollemi pine.

A very informative and worthwhile day was enjoyed by all.