



## YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

**Year 11 Biology students participated in a Biological Diversity Study day at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens on Monday 1 August.**

The students were able to observe (and pat) a range of Australian animals, while a zoo keeper from Taronga Zoo taught them about the many adaptations the animals have to survive in Australia. Students went on a walk around some of the gardens and observed the adaptations that gum trees have to survive the varying conditions the students also took some measurements of the abiotic (non living) environment. Lastly the students participated in a session conducted by the Australian Museum. The students examined fossils of extinct species of platypus and compared them to the platypus that are alive today to work out how they have changed over time. Some students were also able some photos with a cast of an extinct giant wombat (diprotodon) skull.



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