



## YEAR 11 BIODIVERSITY DAY

**Our excursion to the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens was an enriching experience** , immersing us in the rich biodiversity of Australian flora and fauna. As we wandered through the expansive gardens, we encountered a vast array of native plants, each uniquely adapted to the diverse Australian climate. The gardens showcased various ecosystems, highlighting the incredible adaptability and resilience of the local flora. We also observed several native animal species, provided by Taronga Zoo learning about their roles in the ecosystem and the delicate balance required to maintain biodiversity.



We also delved into the fascinating world of evolution through the lens of Charles Darwin's ground-breaking theories. The educational exhibits provided insight into the evolutionary processes that have shaped Australia's unique wildlife. We learned about natural selection, adaptation, and the survival strategies of different species. This exploration of evolutionary biology helped us understand how the diverse flora and fauna we observed have evolved over millions of years, adapting to their environments in remarkable ways.

Overall, the excursion was a valuable experience, deepening our appreciation for the complexity and interconnectedness of life on Earth and an appreciation of God's creation.

All thanks to Mrs Helen Johnson for organising such an amazing learning experience.

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