Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary
Education Program - Overview
Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to saving Australia’s threatened wildlife by implementing a new model for conservation: we buy or manage land, mostly in remote parts of Australia, and implement active land management designed to deliver a measurable increase in the health of our properties and wildlife populations.

- AWC now owns 26 properties covering more than 3.8 million hectares (9.5 million acres) in places like the Kimberley, the Top End, Cape York, Lake Eyre and the south-west forests.

- Around 80% of our staff are based in the field where they implement practical land management strategies including feral animal control, fire management, weed eradication and threatened species translocations.

- AWC protects more than 1,200 animal species in the wild, including over 80% of all native bird species and more than 70% of all native mammal species.

- For more information visit www.australianwildlife.org.

Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary

AWC’s Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary is located between the Barossa Valley and the Murray River in an area known as the Murraylands. The property is situated on 5,026 hectares approximately 24km east of Sedan.

It includes 1,100 hectares enclosed by a feral-proof fence. Within this enclosure at least 7 threatened wildlife species are protected, including the Numbat, Brush-tailed Bettong, Bilby and Burrowing Bettong. AWC is recognised as a leader in feral animal control, managing more fox and cat-free land than any other organisation on mainland Australia.

Our ecologists are part of a world-class science program, carrying out strategic scientific research and working closely with operational staff to design land management strategies and to measure the effectiveness of their implementation.

Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary is the only AWC property with a dedicated education program for primary and secondary students.
Program Outline

A unique location
Situated in a unique region of old-growth mallee, Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary provides an ideal location for a school camp. Students have the opportunity to carry out science-based projects and activities relevant to the unique mallee flora and fauna that is found at Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary.

What we offer
Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary has developed a program to teach students about endangered wildlife and ways of ensuring its survival. We offer a choice of guided projects specifically designed to provide scientific outcomes.

Projects include:
• Mallee ecology walk;
• Vegetation surveys;
• Identifying animal scats;
• Digging surveys;
• Radio-tracking.

In addition, all visiting schools are taken on a Guided Nocturnal Tour inside the feral-proof fence.

Please note: Programs can be modified to suit your particular curriculum needs on request.

Facilities and packages
Yookamurra Wildlife Sanctuary can accommodate up to 40 people in twin-share dormitory-style accommodation which includes a separate amenities block. A fully equipped, commercial-style kitchen and outdoor BBQ facilities are available to use for self-catering.

Packages have been developed for day trips and overnight camps which incorporate walks and projects - please contact us for prices or to find out more information.

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