# Early Learning Program



# Bringing the Sea To You

Ocean Life Education 'Brings the Sea to You' with fun environmental education programs designed to inspire students of all ages to appreciate and take responsibility for the marine ecosystem.

Marine educators arrive with fascinating live marine animals, artifacts, games and information, blending 'hands on' interaction with science and humour.

Our interactive Ocean Discovery program is suited to children ages 6mths to 5 years.

### Ocean Life Discovery - Program Rates

**Per Child:** \$9 (\*minimum rates below apply)

#### **Standard Minimum Rates:**

Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Gympie, \$470 minimum
Gold Coast \$500 minimum
Toowoomba \$650 minimum

Wide Bay \$900 min or \$650 each for 2

consecutive locations

Standard minimum includes: 20-30 min toddler show (capped at 30 chn) 40 min program for older children (capped at 45 chn)

#### Kindergartens:

1x 40 min program Standard Minimum Rates apply

Gympie, Sunshine Coast &

Brisbane \$520 per day 2 x 40 min programs

### **Multiple Show Rates:**

3 programs \$600 minimum Recommended for over 67 children
4 programs \$800 minimum Recommended for over 89 children

Small Centres – ask about our 'in the area' discount (generally less \$30)

See next page for program outline. All children receive a colourful bookmark to take home.

### Bookings

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# Ocean Life Discovery program outline

## Toddler Program (6mths - 2.5yrs) - 20-30 mins



This interactive touch and learn session introduces children to creatures from the ocean. There are marine creatures for the children to touch as well as shells and pictures to look at. Children will discover:

- Animals have colours, patterns, shapes and textures.
- Handling and care of live animals by following simple instruction.
- Shells are protective houses once used by living marine creatures
- Marine animals look & feel different for a reason.
- The importance of caring for these animals.
- Animals breathe & exist under water.
- Weird sea creatures have mouths, stomachs and legs like humans, but they are very different in appearance.

### Discovery Program (3–5 years) – 40 mins

This program offers a greater depth of information about creatures from the ocean. There are marine creatures for children to touch and amazing artifacts such as shark jaws and teeth, which create excitement and understanding. Conservation is introduced and the importance of caring for the environment for the future. Beginning concepts of grouping animals (classification) and the role animals play in the marine environment and their relationship with other animals (ecology) is explored.

### This child responsive experience will answer questions such as:

- Why is a sea star not a starfish and how do they eat?
- How can you tell what sharks eat, just by looking at their teeth?
- How do sea urchins help keep the sea clean?
- What might happen if you drop a plastic bag on the ground?
- How do marine animals protect themselves?

#### Some things I might learn

- A starfish isn't a fish at all now we call them sea stars. They are rough and spiky on top and a little squishy underneath where their tube feet are.
- Sea urchins don't like being upside down and turn themselves back over using their spikes.
- Tropical sea cucumbers have red stripes to say 'Stop!' I'm poison, don't eat me. They are spongy and soft.
- Lots of sea creatures use 'camouflage' for protection.
- Sea cucumbers eat sand off the bottom of the ocean, keeping it clean.
- Some sea stars shoot their stomachs out to catch food.
- It's up to all of us to look after our ocean, to help all the sea creatures survive and do their special job in maintaining the marine environment.



