Melbourne Zoo Playgroup Social Story



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I am going to Zoo Playgroup today.

When I arrive, I will go to the Keeper Kids building.

It is next to the Meerkat Café.



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If I arrive a little early, I can play inside Keeper Kids.

This helps me to settle in and feel ready.



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I will meet Ashlee or Nicole.

They are my Zoo Playgroup teachers.

They are happy to see me and my family.



(Ashlee runs the Tuesday sessions and Nicole runs the Thursday and Friday sessions)

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I might also meet some zoo volunteers and other zoo staff.

They are here to help and play at Zoo Playgroup too.



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When it is time
for playgroup to start,
Ashlee or Nicole will open
the door.

I will go into the playgroup
garden with my adult.

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In the garden, there are lots of activities.
Each week, the activities are different.

I can choose what I would like to play with.

I might:

- play with sand
- paint a picture
- Search for things
- use my imagination



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If I need to use the toilet or wash my hands, I can go back inside Keeper Kids with my adult.



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Later, we will come together on the mat for a group activity.

I can choose to join in or keep playing.

Both choices are okay.



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Then it is Storytime.

We may sing, shake shakers and read books together.

We also sing our Acknowledgement of Country.





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Then we will go out on a zoo adventure.

We walk together with our adults and Ashlee or Nicole.

Each week, we will visit a different animal.

Sometimes the animals are easy to see and sometimes they are hiding.



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At the end of playgroup, we say goodbye.

Ashlee or Nicole will offer me a stamp on my hand.

I can choose to have the stamp if I would like.



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Playgroup is fun.

I did a great job today

I can't wait to come back next week.



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Information for carers

A few friendly reminders to help everyone enjoy Zoo Playgroup:

- Please only take photos of your own child. Photos of other children or adults may only be taken with clear parental consent each time.
- We embrace diversity and ask everyone to be kind and respectful and help to create a safe, welcoming space for all.
- Please support good hygiene by washing children's hands between sensory play and before and after eating.
- Please be mindful about not bringing foods with common allergens.
- Caregivers are responsible for supervising their child at all times. Please keep your child within eyesight, and within arm's reach near animal enclosures.
- To help keep everyone healthy, please stay home if you or your child are unwell.
- Only booked participants may attend the playgroup session.
- Please place all food scraps and rubbish in the appropriate bins to help keep the Zoo beautiful.

If you need to make any changes to your booking, please contact CET on 1300 966 784.

Zoo Playgroup is held in the Keeper Kids Garden. If there are any changes to the location, this will be clearly displayed on a sign at the entrance to the Zoo Playgroup garden.

We're so glad to have you with us and thank you for helping make playgroup a safe, welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone

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