# **Critters for Curriculum**

Critters for Curriculum helps encourage children gain a better understanding of Australia's most fascinating creatures through up close presentations and hands on interactions. This unique educational workshop is divided into four multi visit passes, to ensure that your students gain a thorough educational experience of the different native Australian wildlife and the environments they live in.

#### Fur & Feathers

Students begin their incursion with an exciting 'Match that Endotherm' team challenge in which they will identify and attempt to match the specific appearance, diet and sample fur or feathers that belong to a variety of endotherms. During this highly interactive workshop, students will then discover the characteristics of native Australian endotherms and their ecosystems through up close interactions with a range of endotherms including a Brush Tailed Possum, Red Tailed Black Cockatoo, Flying Fox, Tawny Frogmouth and Western Grey Kangaroo.

### **Aquatic Critters**

You may have observed darting fish in the ocean, stared at motionless sea stars inside rock pools or simply peered into a pond occupied by squirming tadpoles...either way, the diversity to be found amongst aquatic critters is truly amazing! Students begin their incursion participating in an engaging 'Find the Fish' team game which integrates both dramatic role-play and physical movement. During this highly interactive incursion, students get up close with a variety of live aquatic critters that live in both saltwater and freshwater ecosystems. Students use their senses to discover many interesting 'Creature Features' including body structure, behaviours, diet, adaptations and habitats.

#### **Creep Crawly Critters**

Don't be fooled by their tiny size, these creepy crawly critters make daily and important contributions towards creating healthy environments for both humans and animals alike! Students begin their incursion by creating their own 'Bug Hotel' in small teams using assorted recycled and natural materials. During this highly interactive incursion, students get up close with a variety of live invertebrates and use their senses to discover many interesting 'creature features' including body structure, behaviours, diet, adaptations and habitats.

## **Scales and Tails**

Ectotherms are one of the most misunderstood and intriguing groups of animals in Australia. During this highly interactive workshop, students will discover the unique features of ectotherms and their ecosystems. Learn the fascinating ways in which these scaly critters have adapted to survive some of the harshest of Australian conditions and environments through up close encounters with a variety of scaly critters including a Western Bluetongue, Northern Bluetongue, Central bearded Dragon, Frilled Neck Lizard, South West Carpet Python, Olive Python and Flat Shelled Turtle to name a few.