

Senior Walkthrough

This discussion trail is aimed at Senior Primary and Intermediate aged students. Please collect a map from reception, take the time to read the information provided and enjoy your visit.



Penguin Viewing Room

- Discuss the differences between the two types of penguins – size, colouration, behaviour and their breeding patterns.
- Identify the three ways our penguins are able to move around their enclosure.
- How has the enclosure been designed to meet the needs of our Sub-Antarctic penguins?
- Check out the Antarctic vehicles. What makes these vehicles suitable/unsuitable for Antarctic travel?

Scott's Hut

- Explorers lived in a hut just like this one for many months. What tells us this hut is over 100 years old?
- What can you find in the hut that enabled Scott's men to stay alive on the coldest, windiest, driest continent on earth?
- There are now many huts in Antarctica housing people from around the world. How do you think these modern huts would differ from Scott's hut?

Niwa Interactive Room

- Find some of the clothes used in Antarctica today? What are some of the design features that make the footwear and clothes suitable for Antarctic exploration?
- Explore the games, touch screens and microscopes to find out more information about marine creatures.

The Penguin Ride (8-9 minutes)

- How observant are you? Spot as many different penguin behaviours as possible.

Stingray Bay (*This is a great place to stop for a snack and toilet break*)

- Watch the fish and stingrays move. Describe to a partner the different techniques used by our animals to travel throughout this tank.
- How do stingrays find and consume their food?
- The biggest fish at Kelly Tarlton's lives in this tank. Can you find her? She is called Phoebe.

Tunnel

- Compare the different types of sharks. How many species can you find? Don't miss the camouflaged wobbegong.
- Observe the different types of fish. What strategies do you believe the different fish would use to keep themselves safe in the predator filled ocean?

Fish Alley

- Many of the animals in these tanks are very unusual. Find several fish that you believe are amazing. Explain to a partner what is so special about your fish.

