

Last Friday, the 18th of August, 2023's group of Level 3 Biology students ventured into Auckland's Zoo, home to Aotearoa's most diverse display of animal wildlife. With the intent to learn, discover and aid their studies in their upcoming external examinations, regarding animal responses and human evolution. The day trip allowed students to experience and encounter a plethora of incredible creatures, both small and large. Which assisted in the enhancement of each student's understanding and knowledge of specific aspects concerning our external topics. Providing essential first-hand illustrations/models.



As a part of this school outing, students also gathered in an educational session, where a member of the Zoos staff vastly broadened our knowledge of the journey of human evolution, throughout the existence of mankind. Exposing students to replica skeletons of different hominins, that can be dated back to over 4 million years ago. Additionally, illustrating the evolution of humans through the transition from walking on four limbs to two, the consequential differences the skeleton endured as a result of this and our ever-changing needs in our environment and lastly displaying the development of daily tools constructed in the past millions of years.



Throughout the day, many students reflected not only on mankind's evolution but their own personal development over the course of their individual lives. Many were provoked to do so, as they revisited some of childhood's fondest memories with early friends and family shared at the zoo. With the day also signifying the end of an era for most of our students, which marked the day as their final-ever school field trip. Waving goodbye to a glimpse of our youth, as we count down to our ever-looming graduation and examinations.

2023's group of Level 3 Biology students would like to thank Mr Holmes, Miss Lakeland and the incredible staff at Auckland Zoo for their efforts in orchestrating this day. Overall, the group's day adventure was very well enjoyed by everyone, as it transformed textbook knowledge into real-life engrossing experiences that would further assist in our final studies and eventual external examination.

