



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS VISIT LONE PINE KOALA SANCTUARY

HSP students recently enjoyed a full day excursion to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. The students were able to get up close and personal with many of our unique wildlife and the most popular experience was feeding the kangaroos.

The HSP students are quickly learning the vocabulary for our wildlife and many of the concepts and terms we take for granted, such as marsupial, are new to them. We found Lone Pine to be an excellent place to encounter a large variety of Aussie wildlife in their natural habitat.

The students and staff were able to interact with many of the animals as well as learn about the important research the sanctuary continues, concerning Australia's wildlife, in conjunction with scientists from Universities and the Government.

The students were encouraged to ask questions and read the information provided at each enclosure. This helps their English language acquisition. Sometimes this is challenging but it is also exciting when they are able to interact with new people using English, such as the staff at Lone Pine. Ms Graham said, "Each animal enclosure offered the students many opportunities to learn new vocabulary and many international students love meeting our unique wildlife."

The excursion was best summed up by Yuuka – "kono ensoku wa hoomushikku no kusuri ni natta mono desu" (translation: it was medicine for my homesickness).