

Fang-tastic School Holiday Fun at the Australian Museum

Two-for-one school holiday ticket offer to the latest thrilling exhibition plus a packed program of creative, curious and after-dark adventures

Sydney, Wednesday, 1 July 2026: From ink-splatter art workshops to vampire-slaying film screenings, alongside after-hours adventures, the **Australian Museum (AM)** is serving up a school holiday program with serious bite for all members of the family this winter, including a two-for-one ticket offer to *Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires*.

The AM's latest family-friendly science exhibition invites visitors get up close to a remarkable evolutionary adaptation that has enabled tiny micro-predators to dominate the planet. Developed by the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto, Canada, the *Bloodsuckers* exhibition helps visitors transform "ick" into interest and fear into fascination, and offers a fresh take on science, history and English school curricula.

Australian Museum Director and CEO, Kim McKay AO, said the exhibition, filled with larger-than-life displays, pop-culture references and interactives, delivers a unique mix of entertainment, creativity and learning for all ages.

"Whether you're sketching a mosquito, settling in for a vampire movie marathon or meeting our brilliant scientists, the AM is the place to head for a full day of fun in the school holidays.

"With free general entry, two-for-one tickets to *Bloodsuckers* plus free permanent exhibitions and a pay-what-you-wish film series, the holiday program also accommodates all budgets. The focus is on expanding curiosity through experiences designed to entertain, inspire and spark conversation," Kim McKay said.

Bloodsuckers Splatter & Sketch Workshop

7–8 July

From \$52 Members | \$65 Non-members

Ages 5–16 years

Young artists ready to make a splash can be part of this hands-on workshop led by scientific illustrator and paleo-artist Celia Curtis. Experimenting with ink splatters, shapes and scientific drawing techniques, participants will create their own bloodsucker-inspired artwork before heading into the exhibition for a closer look at creatures including leeches, ticks and mosquitoes. Back in the studio, they'll transform their splattered creations into detailed illustrations worthy of a budding natural history artist.

Bloodsuckers After Dark: Family Night

8 July | 6pm–9pm

From \$13 Child Members | \$24 Adult Non-members

All ages

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This special after-hours event invites families to explore the AM after dark through music, hands-on activities, talks and exclusive exhibition access. Visitors will uncover surprising stories about nature's strangest creatures, including a special presentation, *30,000 Bloodsuckers Can't Be Wrong*, exploring the important role blood-feeding animals play in healthy ecosystems and taking a closer look at the ticks and mites affecting Australian pets today.

Bloodsuckers Film Series

18 July | 10.30am–4.40pm

Free, pay what you wish

Vampires take centre stage in this special one-day film program celebrating some of cinema's most memorable creatures of the night. From the animated antics of *Hotel Transylvania* to cult favourite *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and iconic 1980s classic *The Lost Boys*, the lineup explores how vampire stories have evolved from folklore to enduring pop-culture favourites, captivating audiences across generations.

***Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires* Exhibition**

\$16 for children and \$24 for adults when booked online in advance.

Australian Museum Members receive free entry to the exhibition on their first visit.

While you're at the Museum, don't miss ***Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires***, the award-winning international exhibition that takes visitors beyond ancient myths to uncover the surprising science behind the world's most infamous blood feeders. Through interactive exhibits, touchable models, microscopes and a mosquito swarm simulator, visitors can discover the remarkable ways blood-feeding creatures have evolved and the surprising role they play in ecosystems, medicine and scientific research. The exhibition also explores the supernatural bloodsuckers of legend and popular culture that these curious creatures have inspired throughout history.

For tickets and full program details, visit australian.museum.

Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires is proudly supported by [hotel partner, Pullman Sydney Hyde Park](#). Pullman Sydney Hyde Park is offering family-of-four accommodation packages for Australian Museum visitors, including tickets to *Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires* exhibition, buffet breakfast, overnight accommodation, and an activity pack for children. The hotel is only a three-minute walk from the Australian Museum. *Bloodsuckers: Nature's Vampires* is also proudly supported by [PetSure](#), connecting insurance, innovation and veterinary care to help improve access to pet healthcare in Australia.

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The nation's first museum, the Australian Museum (AM) was founded in 1827 and will mark its 200-year anniversary in 2027. It is internationally recognised as a natural science and culture institution focused on Australia and the Pacific. The AM holds more than 22 million objects and specimens in its collection, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. It pursues a mission to ignite wonder, inspire debate and drive change. The AM's vision is to be a leading voice for the richness of life, the Earth and culture in Australia and the Pacific and commits to transforming the conversation around climate change, the environment and wildlife conservation; being a strong advocate for First Nations cultures; and continuing to develop world-leading science through the [Australian Museum Research Institute \(AMRI\)](#). The AM is not only a dynamic source of reliable scientific information on the environmental and social challenges facing our region, but also a trusted site of cultural exchange and learning. Visit www.australian.museum

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