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Sea World's Polar Bear 'Henry' becomes a Classroom Ambassador

Sea World's Polar Bear 'Henry' has been adopted by Coomera Rivers State School as a classroom ambassador to promote the ongoing Polar Bear Conservation efforts.

Ahead of Henry's move to the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat in Canada on the 5th of October, students from Coomera Rivers State School visited Sea World to celebrate the adoption by creating a range of enrichment items for Henry including a selection of his favourite toys, treats and food.

Sea World Education Officer, Christine Buckius said Coomera Rivers State School will link with a school in Canada to adopt Henry and create a shared awareness of Polar bear conservation and climate change.

"Henry has been a great ambassador for the Polar bear species with millions of people visiting Sea World and learning about the importance of Polar bears, conservation and the threats to the species. With this adoption by Coomera Rivers State School, Henry can continue to educate, inspire and create empathy for this incredible species," she said.

"The Grade 5 class who attended the adoption ceremony today created enriching items including toys and treats for Henry and placed them on exhibit before watching him interact with these items.

"In his role as a classroom ambassador, Henry will create a greater understanding of the differing effects of climate change across two contrasting environments while allowing students to engage in engaging topics surrounding climate change, conservation and the cultural and environmental similarities and differences between Australia and Canada.

"The adoption will also allow for Coomera Rivers State School students to communicate with the Cochrane Polar Bear Facility and receive regular updates on Henry and learn more about their resident bear Ganuk."

Sea World is inviting guests to visit the park and join in Henry's Bon Voyage ahead of his move to the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat.

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