



4th September 2023

YEAR FIVE & SIX COFFS HARBOUR EXCURSION UPDATE 2023

Dear Parents,

This letter outlines various aspects concerning the Year 5 and 6 excursion to Coffs Harbour that is quickly approaching.

Included with this letter, is the link that will enable all parents to access the online portal for the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. This involves completing an Assumption of Risk document as well as providing the centre along with ourselves various details concerning your child's possible medical and dietary requirements. All excursion participants will need to have this completed at least a fortnight before we depart and it would be greatly appreciated if this could be completed by **Monday 9th October 2023**.

The link to access the online portal is: <https://book.venue.life/ccac/register/1800-year-5-6>

If you encounter any difficulties accessing and/or using the portal please contact the school.

Included in the following sections below includes an itinerary, what students need to pack, dates and times in which we will be leaving and returning back to school and other details that we will be abiding by to ensure everyone has an enjoyable time on this excursion.

A final note will be sent home to all Year 5 and 6 families early next term.

If you have any questions and/or queries in regard to this excursion, please feel free to contact Mrs Davey or myself at school.

King regards

Meggie Davey and Dallas Hyatt

(Year 5 and 6 teachers)



YEAR 5-6 EXCURSION TO COFFS HARBOUR

DATES: Tuesday 24th October to Friday 27th October.

ACCOMMODATION: Coffs Coast Beach School (Coffs Coast Conference & Camping Centre) Bonville Station Rd, Bonville.

TRAVEL: Edwards *Coaches*.

SUPERVISION: Mr Dallas Hyatt and Mrs Meggie Davey

MEALS: Freshly made, healthy meals will be provided for the students whilst on the excursion. Those students who have special dietary requirements will be catered for, but **this must be indicated in the parent portal** (Extra snacks, lollies etc. will not be required.)

All students will be required to assist with a general clean up after meals.

EXPECTATIONS: MOBILE PHONES, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, GAME CONSOLES, IPODS AND IPADS: Children **will not be permitted** to take these items for any reason. This decision has been made because the activities that students will be participating in are not conducive to carrying these items. It is also very disruptive to have some students with access to these devices and some not, particularly at night time.

The aim of the excursion is to provide opportunities for card games, word puzzles etc. to develop the students social competencies.

In case of an emergency: The following arrangements will be in place where parents will be contacted - *Staff will ring the school each day to check in & school will send out Compass updates daily.

*In an emergency a staff member will immediately ring the child's family and remain in regular contact.

MEDICATION: ALL medication (including travel sickness medication) needs to be **clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage particulars**. Any medication included on the medical form must be included, as well as anything you think your child may need e.g. Panadol. The teachers will not be able to administer any medication without parental permission.

Medication needs to be placed in a **labelled zip lock bag** and given to Mrs Davey on the morning of departure. Asthma medication should be carried by the child.

POSSESSIONS: The children are expected to be responsible for their own possessions. The adults will not be minding children's possessions. Please consider carefully the items that would be better off left at home.



BEHAVIOUR: Every child has the right to enjoy the excursion and to be safe. With this right comes the responsibility to behave, allow others to feel safe, to enjoy the excursion and to represent the school well.

In cases of severe misbehaviour, parents/guardians would be expected to come and collect their child. Severe misbehaviour could include incidents such as: vandalism, physical abuse of a child or adult, constant disobedience, leaving the group, stealing.

"LIGHTS OUT" MEANS SILENCE: Children with inadequate sleep spoil the excursion for themselves and others. We will be enforcing this rule strictly.

SPENDING MONEY: a small amount of spending money will be required.

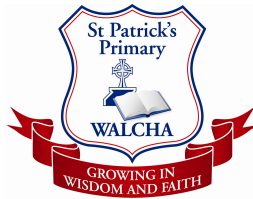
ORGANISATION: Children will be expected to keep their rooms tidy and have clothing and possessions organised.

CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS: The children need to understand that a school excursion is very different to a family holiday and therefore needs to be looked upon very differently. Consideration of others, following directions and cooperation are all very important aspects to ensure the success of the excursion and the enjoyment of all attending.

WHAT TO BRING:

- A bath towel and a beach towel
- Bedding - pillows, sleeping bag or sheets and blanket
- Toiletries- including soap and shampoo as these won't be provided. No aerosol deodorants, sunscreen or insect repellent as these can trigger asthma. (Pump or roll on only)
- Sunscreen & Hat
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Comfortable casual clothing for each day –NO SINGLET TOPS PLEASE, OR SHORT SHORTS as these items are unsuitable for the activities planned
- Sneakers
- A spare pair of OLD sneakers and one set of OLD clothes. These clothes **will** get wet and muddy and may need to be thrown out. (Please supply a small plastic bag to keep these clothes separate from other washing)
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes (to keep inside your main bag)
- Packed Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea for Tuesday
- Reading material, cards, puzzles etc for the bus

LUGGAGE: One small day bag on the bus and one main bag in the trailer. Please keep the main bag as small as is practical. Children will not have access to the main bags when travelling on Tuesday and Friday. Anything needed on the bus on Tuesday & Friday needs to be placed in the day bag.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUESDAY DEPARTURE:

- Please arrive at school at 7.30am. Departure Time: 8.00am.
- A packed Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea & drinks are needed for Tuesday. No fizzy drinks are allowed during the trip. *A packed lunch is provided by CCBS on Friday.*
- The children may carry and consume WATER on the bus. Any other drinks are to be kept for morning tea and lunch. No food, snacks, lollies etc are to be eaten on the bus. **Chewing gum of any sort is BANNED.**

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TUE 24th OCT

Please arrive at school at 7.30am. Departure Time: 8.00am.

12:00PM Arrive at Butterfly House

12:00-12:30PM Lunch (Students bring packed lunch)

12:30-2:00PM – Butterfly House

2:15PM Arrival Coffs Coast Beach School

3:00pm A/Tea

3:30-5:00PM Pool – Teachers supervise/Lead

5:00-6:00PM Showers

6:00pm Dinner

7:15PM Night Activity 1- Minute To Win It

8:30PM Supper

WED 25th OCT

8:00AM Breakfast

9:00AM Activity 1 – Sky Wire

10:30AM Morning Tea

11:00AM Activity 2 – Mega Drop

12:30PM Lunch

1:30PM Activity 3 – Z-Ball

3:00PM Afternoon Tea

3:30PM Activity 4 – Commando Course

4:15PM

5:00-6PM Free time/Showers

6:00PM Dinner

7:15PM Night Activity 2 – Speed Stacks

8:30PM Supper



THU 26th OCT

8:00AM Breakfast
9:15AM Depart for Dolphin Marine Conservation Park
10-1:30PM Depart for Dolphin Marine Conservation Park
10:30AM Morning Tea
1:30-2:30PM Lunch
2:30PM Depart for Botanical Gardens
3:30PM-4PM Botanical Gardens Tour
4:00PM Afternoon Tea
4:30PM Depart for CCAC
5:00PM 6:00PM Free time/Showers
6:00PM Dinner
7:15PM Night Activity 3 – Big Screen Movie
8:30PM Supper

FRI 27th OCT

7:30AM Vacate Rooms
8:00AM Breakfast
9:00AM Depart for Dorrigo National Park
10:00AM M/Tea
10:30AM 12:30PM Discovery Rangers - Sensing the Rainforest
12:30PM Lunch
1:30PM Depart for home

Arrival approx. 4pm St Patrick's School