



YEAR 5 CAMP BIRRIGAI

Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th 2023

Dear Parents,

With our Birrigai excursion coming up soon, following are the final details that will be needed in preparation to go. Please finalise any outstanding payments by Friday 18th August (please note the online payment system will be unavailable until 15th August while we transition to a new system). Birrigai is located in the foothills of the Brindabella Ranges. It is approximately a 45 minute drive by coach.

Travel Arrangements

- ALL students to be at school by **8:30am** with their luggage & sleeping bag clearly labelled with their name. We hope to be away by 9am. They can put the luggage out the front for the coaches and make their way to the hall for roll call.
- **ALL medication needs to be labelled** and handed to the teachers before getting on the bus. Any child who may suffer from motion sickness and requires medication must have it before we leave on Wednesday morning. Please ensure that they have a tablet that can be administered on Friday before the trip back. All medication should be sealed in a snap lock bag, with clear written instructions for administering. (More on medication towards the end)
- Anticipated arrival back at school on Friday is 2.45pm. You may wish to come and collect your child with their luggage as travelling on the school bus with luggage may be difficult.

What to Bring

Here is an indication of the things to pack. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled as there is always lost property left when staying in dorm style accommodation.

- 3 days of underwear and socks (plus spare socks in case they get wet)
- 3 t-shirts (long or short sleeve)
- 2 warm jumpers or fleece tops
- Trousers/track pants enough for three days
- Wet weather jacket or poncho
- Pyjamas – winter/warm ones
- Towel for the shower
- Toiletries – soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush (please do not bring aerosol cans)
- Broad brimmed hat and sunscreen
- Warm sleeping bag (you may wish to pack a fitted sheet)
- Pillow
- Drink bottle – refillable not disposable
- Spare runners/shoes, in case the ones they are wearing get wet
- Bag for dirty/used clothing (maybe even one or two plastic bags in case they are wet)

CHILDREN ARE ASKED NOT TO BRING:

- **Lollies and food items** eg. chewing gum, chips or snacks. All food will be provided unless medically required
- i-pads, mobile phones, electronic games and valuables.
- Clothing – No midriff tops or singlets
- Torches are unnecessary, and only cause a problem when children should be in bed.

Sleeping arrangements

The children will be sleeping in dorm style accommodation. All of the cabin areas have shared internal bathrooms and a common room. There are between 8 - 16 children in the dorms.

The children are required to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. Please make sure the sleeping bag has a clear name on it as many of them look the same. Also, it is best not to tie the sleeping bag to your child's luggage as this makes it difficult for the bus drivers to pack the coaches. Please give your child some practice in putting the sleeping bag back in the bag as this is difficult. You may wish to send a spare plastic bag for them to transport it home.

Medication

We have a number of students who have indicated a need for medication this year. Please pack this in suitable packaging. Clear written instructions and medication in a snap lock bag is okay. If your child is prone to headaches or hayfever, and is taking medication 'as required', can you please assist **by sending this in during the week before camp**. This will eliminate long lines of parents handing in medications on the day of leaving. All medication should be handed in and will be administered by the teachers.

Any other enquiries please contact me at school.

Looking forward to a great camp!

Regards,

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