

Speers Point Public School



Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion Booklet

Monday 11th December – Tuesday 12th December



TEA GARDENS

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Stage 2 Camp is to provide students with rich learning experiences outside the school environment. It is also to build resilience and independence in each child whilst being able to collaborate, creatively problem solve and make memories with their friends.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Casual clothes are to be worn on both Days 1 and 2. Sensible footwear suitable for walking and sporting activities ie strong joggers will provide the best protection for feet. **Please do not include thongs for day time wear.**

SUPERVISING TEACHERS

During the excursion, students will be supervised by:

Miss Pichaloff, Mrs Nilson, Miss Potts, Miss Musialik, Mr MacNeill, Miss Phillips, Miss Adelaide and Miss Coles.

ITEMS TO BRING

Please label **ALL** pieces of clothing and luggage.

- Mess kit (plate, cup and fork) non disposable
- Reusable water bottle
- Raincoat (regardless of weather)
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Toiletries
- Torch
- Insect repellent (roll on is preferred)
- 2 pairs of joggers (1 old pair for water activities)
- Thongs – only for going to and from showers
- 1 pair of pyjamas
- 2 T-shirts (no singlet / midriff tops for safety activities)
- 2 sets of underwear
- 2 pairs of shorts (no mini shorts for safety activities)
- 1 jumper (just in case it is cool of a nighttime)
- 2 pairs of socks
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Swimmers and rash shirt
- Plastic bags for wet clothes.

ITEMS NOT TO BRING

- **Mobile phones** – there is **NO NEED FOR CHILDREN TO HAVE A MOBILE PHONE**, all teachers accompanying the children will have a mobile phone in case of an emergency or for need of contact. Your understanding and assistance in ensuring mobiles are not brought is appreciated.
- Food – there is no eating on the bus or at the camp site. Soft drinks are NOT permitted, water only.

MEDICATION

All medication is to be clearly labelled with dosage & administration instructions attached. Prescribed medication is to be in original packaging clearly showing the student's name, dosage required and times to be taken. All medication (including Panadol etc) is to be handed to the teachers before departure on the day.

ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodation for the night of the excursion is onsite at Tea Gardens Great Aussie Bush Camp. All accommodation, amenities, and other facilities are comfortable, clean and well maintained. Student accommodation is in either permanent cabin tents, and / or dormitories. Campsites are allocated the week before camp as final boy/girl breakdown numbers are finalised. Students will be notified who they will be rooming with in Week 9.

MEALS

All meals are prepared onsite in the commercial kitchen, by the qualified catering team. Students are asked not to bring food to camp as it can attract wildlife into the student accommodation. Known dietary requirements (allergies etc) will be provided to Great Aussie Bush Camp in advance.

The following meals are provided:

Day 1: lunch, afternoon tea and dinner

Day 2: breakfast, morning tea and lunch.

Please ensure students have a solid breakfast prior to coming to school on Monday.

DEPARTURE

We will leave promptly at 8.30am on Monday 11th December. Students will assemble in the Hall for roll marking from 8:15am with their luggage.

RETURN





Our departure from Great Aussie Bush Camp will be approximately 12.45pm. We will return to school before school concludes on Tuesday 12th December.

PROGRAM

The program below consists of the activities and schedule of each day.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY
9.45am Arrive at Camp / Welcome  Accommodation Group Allocation	6.00am Rise and Shine Pack Up / Clean Up 6.45am BREAKFAST (HQ) 7.45am Finish Pack Up
10.45am Activity 1 1 Canoeing (d) 3 Archery (b) 2 Giant Swing (a)	8.00am Activity 4 1 High Ropes (a) 3 Giant Swing (a) 2 Bushcraft
12.45pm LUNCH (HQ) 1.30pm Activity 2 1 Giant Swing (a) 3 High Ropes (a) 2 Canoeing (d)	9.45am Morning Tea  10.00am Activity 5 1 Archery (b) 3 Bushcraft 2 High Ropes (a)
3.15pm Afternoon Tea 3.30pm Activity 3 1 Bushcraft 3 Canoeing (d) 2 Archery (b)	11.45am LUNCH (Hexi) 12.45pm Depart Camp
5.15pm Showers 6.15pm DINNER (HQ) 7.15pm Night Activity County Fair (Studio) 	 See You Next Time !!
9.00pm Campfire	

CAMP GUIDELINES AND RULES

Students should be aware of these Guidelines and will be communicated by teachers prior to the excursion. Please note that student behaviour will also correspond with our SPPS Behaviour Consistency Guide.

- Never leave camp or an activity without permission.
- All activities must be supervised by a teacher and instructor.
- Listen to and follow instructor's guidelines
- Closed in shoes and hats should be worn at all times.
- Respect male and female areas; enter no room other than your own.
- Respect the natural environment, use bins provided, don't damage the bush.
- No pocket knives, glass, valuables, electronic equipment, or mobile phones are to be brought to camp.
- Do not approach, or attempt to pat the wildlife.
- All accidents / damage to equipment must be reported.
- Wilful damage will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible.
- Do not eat or drink in tents / cabins / dorms.
- No chewing gum to be brought to camp.
- Respect others after lights out. There should be no need to leave your tents / dorms / cabins after lights out.
- Each group is responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of the room / tent.
- To avoid accidents please do not run around campsite areas.
- As a general rule, students will not be removed from activities as punishment. They may be given a 5 minute time out to reflect.
- Allocating extra duties or taking away free time may also be used as behaviour management strategies.
- We may exclude students whose behaviour could result in serious danger or distress to themselves or others. In extreme cases, after consultation with teachers, the parents / guardians may be contacted and the student/s will be sent home

COMMUNICATION

Should you wish to communicate with your child in an emergency situation, contact can be made through the Seesaw App throughout the excursion (day and night). Alternatively, you can phone the school and a return call will be arranged.

Please keep an eye on Facebook for photos and updates throughout the day.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Discuss with your child:

- Table manners and bedroom orderliness
- Sensible and considerate behaviour
- The excursion is tiring, allow others to sleep and getting sleep is important.

Looking forward to a wonderful camp!

Kind regards,
SPPS Teachers