

Dear Parents/Students

We at the Great Aussie Bush Camp look forward to your school's visit. This letter (and associated forms), will hopefully provide insight into our organisation and the proposed program, so that you can make an informed decision about your child's attendance.

Program dates: Wednesday, 15 March - Friday, 15 March (Week 7)

School pick up time: 7.15am (please be at least 15 minutes early for marking of names, etc)

Return to school time: Approximately 5.15pm. The school will keep arrival times updated through Facebook and Skoolbag

Cost: \$330 – please pay ASAP if you have not already done so.

At The Great Aussie Bush Camp our mission is to deliver the best possible outdoor recreation-based teaching and learning outcomes for our clients through programs that are:

- fun
- challenging
- diverse
- relevant
- memorable

In delivering these programs, our goal is to:

- Place the safety and wellbeing of our clients above all else
- Adhere to the highest possible standards as teaching and learning providers

We hope that like the tens of thousands of happy and satisfied students and teachers who've visited us since we took over the business in 2009, that your stay at The Great Aussie Bush Camp will be just as memorable. So please let us know if there is anything more that we can do to help you and your students achieve your goals and have the best possible Aussie Bush Camp experience.

Our team members are of the highest quality. They are young and enthusiastic and highly trained to run all activities, as well as being First Aid and Resuscitation trained. Challenge and enjoyment, along with safety, are the main aims of our programs. We have an excellent safety record due to our extremely high standards.

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all involved, any student who breaches these camp guidelines and rules and puts themselves or their peers at risk of injury will be assessed by our team members and the responsible teachers and, if deemed necessary, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to collect the student. We ask you to read the camp guidelines carefully.

All accommodation, amenities and associated facilities are clean, comfortable and well maintained. The programs are fully catered with ample availability of nutritious and tasty food; special dietary requirements can be accommodated.

We aim to provide students with memorable and authentic lifetime experiences and hope that you/your child can be a part of our program. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call us.

Yours sincerely

Management
The Great Aussie Bush Camp



Camp Guidelines and Rules

Students should be aware of these Guidelines

- 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.

Health, Safety and Medication

Teachers are to forward to us completed Special Needs Forms and Dietary Forms prior to coming to camp. Teachers are to bring the following forms with them when they attend camp, Medical and Consent Forms, Current medication requirement form and Parent or Guardian consent / activity restrictions forms.

Asthma

It is vital that parents / guardians of children who suffer from Asthma provide sufficient information or an Asthma Management Plan. This will enable team members / teachers to take appropriate action in the event of an Asthma attack.

Teachers will dispense any medication as required.

Camp team members have First Aid and Resuscitation certificates.

There is an on-site First Aid Room. For any accidents / sick students we have a Doctor in Tea Gardens (10 minutes). There is an ambulance service in Tea Gardens (10 minutes) and Karuah (10 minutes). The nearest hospital is Bulahdelah (20 minutes) and John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle (1 hour).



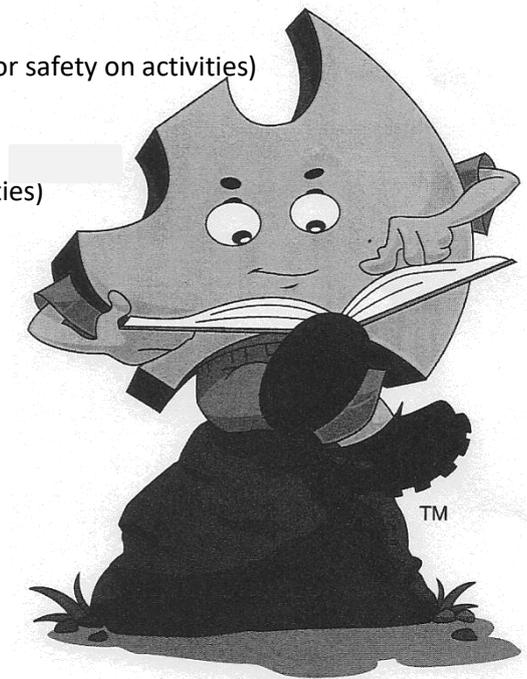
Gear Checklist – Children (based on a 3 day camp)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS

MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ORGANISING TEACHER

It is a good idea for students to pack their own bags so that they can repack for the trip home.

- Mess kit (tea towel, plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork & spoon – dishwasher safe), no disposable plates
- Water bottle
- Raincoat (regardless of forecast)
- Hat or cap
- Sleeping bag (extra blanket in winter)
- Pillow
- Sunscreen
- 1 pair pyjamas (tracksuit in winter)
- Day pack (small backpack for water, sunscreen, etc)
- Torch (make sure it works before you leave home)
- Toiletries (including toothbrush!)
- Insect repellent
- 2 pairs of runners (1 old pair for water activities)
- Thongs – only for going to and from showers
- 3 T-shirts needed, no singlet / tank tops / midriff tops (for safety on activities)
- 3 sets of underwear
- 3 pairs of shorts – NO MINI SHORTS (for safety on activities)
- 3 pairs of track pants
- 2 sloppy joes /windcheaters
- 3 pairs socks
- Bath towel
- Beach towel and swimmers
- Optional – camera, money for souvenirs
- Tissues / hankies
- Plastic bag for wet clothes / towels



Activity List

- Dual Flying Fox – fully harnessed dual flying fox.
- Giant Slide – 10 metre vertical slide, with a slide by choice option.
- Giant Swing – very exhilarating 15 metre harnessed pendulum swing.
- High Ropes – harnessed aerial obstacle course.
- Lost (Mud World) – teamwork challenge, water style obstacle course.
- Bushcraft – Bush cooking experience. Fire building, damper, involvement varies with age. All ages.
- Survivor Challenge – Water based teamwork challenge. Generally Yr7+
- Swimming – Jimmy’s Beach (flat water), Lake Ivan
- Rock Climbing – 15 metre adjustable pitch wall. Graded to suit varied abilities and ages.



Medical and Consent Form – child

Name of school: THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL

School year: YEAR 7

Student details:

Surname: Given names:

Address:

Postcode: Date of Birth:/...../..... Male Female

Parent/Guardian details:

Please tick ✓ Mother/Guardian Father/Guardian Other contact

Full name of Parent/Guardian:

Home phone: Work phone:..... Mobile phone:

Medicare number: Expiry date:/...../.....

Name on card: Patient number on card:

Ambulance cover: Yes No

Private Health Fund name: Health fund member number:

Is your child in good health? Yes No

Does your child require regular medication? Yes No

Does your child suffer from any chronic illness/allergies? Yes No

If yes, please specify.

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Parent/Guardian signature: Date:/...../.....



Current Medication / Dietary Requirements

School: THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL

Student name:

Time and dosage – please specify exact time of medication

	Breakfast		Lunch		Dinner		Other	
Medication name	Time	Dose	Time	Dose	Time	Dose	Time	Dose

Regulations require that all medication must be provided in the original container/packaging. Teachers will collect and administer all medication.

Has your child suffered from any acute illness in the past four months? If yes, details.	Yes	No
Has your child been treated by a doctor in the past four weeks? If yes, please attach a medical certificate outlining treatment and stating that the child is fit to attend camp.	Yes	No
Has your child had any major surgery? If yes, please specify.	Yes	No
Is your child's Immunisation up-to-date, including tetanus? If yes, what year was the last booster given?	Yes	No
Does your child wet the bed?	Yes	No
Does your child sleep walk?	Yes	No
Do you give permission for Panadol to be administered if required?	Yes	No
Does your child have any dietary requirements? If yes, please specify.	Yes	No

Water or swimming activities:

In relation to any proposed water or swimming activities, my child: Name:
(please tick ✓ one)

STRONG SWIMMER

AVERAGE SWIMMER

POOR SWIMMER

NON-SWIMMER



Parent or Guardian Consent/Activity Restrictions

Name of school: THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL

School year: YEAR 7

All activities are instructed by highly trained team members, your child's teachers are also present at activities and free time.

Please peruse the activity list included. Activities are planned with the age and ability of the students involved in mind. Time constraints may prevent students being able to do every activity listed, however if there are any activities that your child is not permitted to participate in, for medical or personal reasons, please inform your child and give details:

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I agree to my child/ren participating in all the activities at The Great Aussie Bush Camp.

I understand that although The Great Aussie Bush Camp and its service providers attempt to minimise any risk of personal injury to my child, there is an inherent risk of personal injury in physical activities that will be undertaken as part of this program.

In the event of an emergency, and I am unable to be contacted, I authorise my child receiving such medical treatment that is deemed necessary. I also undertake to cover any costs that may be incurred with any medical treatment received, ambulance transport and medication while my child is at The Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Full name of Parent/Guardian:

Date: / /

Signature:

Media Consent

(cross out whichever does not apply)

I agree / I do not agree to allow The Great Aussie Bush Camp to use any photographs, sound and film recordings taken of my child while they are at camp, for the promotion of this facility in the media and advertising programs.

Full name of Parent/Guardian:

Date: / /

Signature:

