

2024 Years 5 & 6 Camp at Birrigai

Dear Families

On 28 February – 1 March 2024 (week 5, term 1 2024), our year 5 & 6 students will be attending a three-day/two-night camp to Birrigai. We will be travelling by chartered coach with seatbelts to and from Birrigai. This program is part of the curriculum areas of Health and Physical Education. Students will participate in several different experiences, including:

- Indoor/outdoor experiences where students will explore the natural environment and critically think about how humans interact with and impact on environments.
- Team building activities where students will communicate and collaborate with one another to solve challenges.
- Opportunities for students to extend and challenge themselves outside their usual comfort zone to help develop their independence, confidence and resilience in a supportive environment.

All students are expected to participate. If parents do not wish for their child to participate, parents will need to source alternate care arrangements.

Notes to be returned to the front office by Friday 9 February 2024 (Friday, week 2, term 1 2024).

Dates/time:	28 February – 1 March 2024 (week 5, term 1 2024)
Purpose of excursion:	To connect as a cohort and build students' confidence and resilience while learning about how humans' impact on environments
Activities:	Students will participate in a range of outdoor learning experiences and team building activities in the natural environment at Birrigai
Clothing and equipment:	Please see attached packing list
Transport:	Chartered coach with seatbelts, to and from Birrigai, departing and returning from Throsby School. Times to be confirmed.
Excursion coordinator:	Olivia Neilson
Staff:	2024 teachers and team leader
Cost:	<p>\$300.00</p> <p>The school has subsidised part of the cost of this excursion.</p> <p><i>We understand that this cost may be a significant amount for families to pay. We welcome payment plans for this excursion. Please speak with Annamaria Zuffo (principal) or Susie Cooke (Business Manager) if you would like to set up a payment plan.</i></p>

The school has made every effort to keep cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or students can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the excursion with the Principal. Please contact the front office if you would like to speak with the Annamaria.

Kind regards

Olivia Neilson & Annamaria Zuffo

Executive Teacher & Principal

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Recommended Packing List for Camp

- 4 sets of underwear
- 4 pairs of socks
- 3 x shirts with sleeves (long or short; no singlets)
- 1 x woollen or polar fleece jumper (recommend two in colder months)
- 1 x waterproof jacket
- 2 x shorts (summer)
- 2 x trousers/long pants
- 1 x pyjamas (seasonally appropriate)
- 1 x towel
- Toiletries (including soap, hand sanitiser and sunscreen)
- Broad brimmed hat
- Warm sleeping bag or a quilt and bedsheet (**Birrigai does not provide blankets**)
- Pillow
- Drink bottle (**Birrigai does not provide water bottles**)
- Small backpack/day pack

DO NOT BRING:

- Any food, including lollies, soft drink
- iPods, phones, or other electronic devices
- Expensive cameras

Students will sleep in cabin accommodation with boys and girls accommodated in separate rooms. Each cabin has a shared space in the middle for whole group time and there are two teacher rooms located in each cabin so students can be reassured that their teachers will be close at hand at all times. If your child is experiencing any anxiety at the thought of spending nights away from home, please get in touch with the school to discuss possible adjustments and how we can support your child to attend all or part of the camp.

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Excursion Permission Note for Parents**

Notes and money to be returned to the front office by Friday 9 February 2024.

THIS FORM IS DOUBLE SIDED – PLEASE FILL OUT BOTH SIDES

I give permission for my child _____
in _____ class to attend the 2024 Years 5/6 Camp at Birrigai excursion travelling by bus.

- I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this excursion mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for expected behaviour on this excursion. I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child attending this excursion.
- I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.
- Students will display the school values and be curious, inclusive, and connected while participating in these exciting learning opportunities.

Payment Slip

- I am paying the amount of \$300.00
- I have set up a payment plan with Annamaria/Susie.

Student Name: _____

Payment method (please tick):

- Eftpos at the school
- Quickweb payment tab on our school website: <https://www.throsbyschool.act.edu.au/payment>.

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- Cash at the school office

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (EDU) This information is necessary for us to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose. Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available at www.det.act.gov.au on the About Us page.

2024 Years 5 & 6 Camp at Birrigai**Medical Information**

The Medical Information and consent form only needs to be completed once/year prior to the first excursion unless there are changes to the details on this form. This form is done at the beginning of each school year, or upon enrolment throughout the year. Are there any changes to this form?

- Yes
- No

If yes, an updated Medical Information and Consent Form is required to be completed (available through the front office). Will your child require medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g. allergy medication, pain relief)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please complete a Medication Authorisation and Administration Record (available through the front office). Is there any additional information you need to provide to support your child's participation in this excursion?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details:
