**Torrens Primary School**

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**Information for Parents/Carers:** Year 3 Overnight Camp to Birrigai Outdoor Education Centre

**When:** Monday 19 September – Tuesday 20 September 2022 (Week 10) - 9.30am – 2.45pm

**Transport:** Qcity Buses - departing Torrens Primary School at 9.30am on Monday 19 September and returning to school approximately 2.40 pm on Tuesday 20 September

**Group:** 67 students and four TPS staff **TPS** **Staff/Student Ratio -**  1:17 **Trip Leader:** Yasmin Edgerly

**Cost: $160** per student - *The school has made every effort to keep the cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or carers 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 Principal*.

**Permission, medical information and payment due:** Friday 2 September (Week 7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** Students will experience their first overnight camp at Torrens Primary School and undertake activitieslinking to our Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum, exploring the importance of Country and Place to Indigenous Peoples who belong to a local area.

**Activities:** Students will be involved in team building adventure activities and environmental programs with a focus on Indigenous perspectives. Specific activities will include ***Bushwalk and Campfire*** – where students will embark on an interactive bushwalk, exploring and interacting with Birrigai’s abundance of flora and fauna. Students will also learn about fire safety, build their own campfire, and learn how to cook damper twists; and ***Web of Life*** – a simulation game in which students take on different animal roles to explore the interrelationships between animals and Australian ecosystems.

**Contingency:** If the excursion cannot go ahead for any reason, you will be notified well in advance by text message, Seesaw and email regarding alternative arrangements.

**Important information:**

1. There is no mobile reception at Birrigai. The after-hours land line number at Birrigai is **6237 5135** (in the case of an emergency).
2. Yasmin Edgerley, Mark Nicholson, Gen Tischler and Ashlyn Diggins will be attending Birrigai for the camp duration.
3. A **Recommended Packing List** is included overpage. Please take special note of the subsection **“Do Not Bring”.**
4. Accommodation is dormitory style.
5. A teacher’s car will be on site for the two days of the camp.
6. Mark Nicholson is the Executive teacher and First Aid Officer, and his number is 02 6142 0777 during work hours.

**Behavioural expectations:** *As with all school events we expect all students to adhere to Torrens Primary’s PBL values of being safe and respectful learners.* *Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.*

*Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.*

**Excursion Risk Assessment:** including Birrigai’ s COVID-19 Safety Assurance Plan (CSAP), available on request.

If you have any questions, please contact the classroom teacher via the Front Office.

 ***Recommended Packing List over page***

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**Permission – 2022 Year 3 Overnight Camp to Birrigai Outdoor Education Centre**

I give permission for my child (name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Year 3 overnight camp to Birrigai Outdoor Education Centre, **Monday 19 September to Tuesday**

**20 September 2022**, travelling by bus as outlined in the *Information for Parents/Carers* note.

*□* I have provided to the school all medical and dietary information relevant to my child attending this excursion, including the Birrigai Allergens/Restrictions form (if required) .

□ I have taken note of the recommended packing list, including the ‘Do Not Bring’ section.

*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 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.*

Tick (√) or Cross (x) and complete all that apply:

□ You have previously completed the **2022 Medical Information and Consent Form** for your child.

□ Ifyour child’s medical information has changed since completing this Medical Information and Consent Form, please **update this with the Front Office prior to the excursion**.

□ If your child has specific dietary requirements related to medical conditions, food allergies or cultural food restrictions please complete the **Birrigai Allergens/ Restrictions form attached**.

□ If your child requires medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g antihistamine, pain relief) please complete a **Medication Authorisation and Administration Record** available from the Front Office.

**□ In case of an emergency during the excursion:**

 Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Daytime contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Medicare No: |  | Private Health Fund No: |  | Membership No: |  |
| Ambulance Fund: NOTE, Parents are responsible for ambulance costs outside the ACT. |  |

**Parent/Carer name:(print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_ /\_/\_**

***Please turn over for privacy and payment information***

**Payment details:-**

 **Total amount due:** $160

□ On-line ([www.torrensps.act.edu.au/payment](http://www.torrensps.act.edu.au/payment)) Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*or*

□ EFTPOS date paid: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

By completing the permission 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 on the Directorate’s website (www.det.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.