

Neighbourhood and local area excursions at Margaret Hendry School

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As inquirers, we connect regularly with our local surroundings to deepen our cultural knowledge and connect with our local context. This means that we plan to venture beyond the gates to explore our local surroundings. The local areas we intend to explore on local area walks include the community oval, scar trees adjacent to the school, the local nature reserves, Ginninderra Creek and Taylor park.

This opportunity supports us to develop children's skills as researchers as we explore our surrounding environments and community. We will make observations, take notes, sketch, exercise and play extending on our learning and drawing conclusions about what we find. It also connects to the schools 'Pillar of Love' and provides meaningful opportunities to connect to country.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's home learning coach at firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au.

Details of the excursion are as follows:

Date:	Inclusive of time enrolled at Margaret Hendry School
Time:	Various
Destination:	Local walks within viable distance from Margaret Hendry School. *Age and ability dependent ** See attached map
Cost:	NIL
Travel:	Walking
Clothing:	FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM including hats, shoes and weather appropriate jackets and shoes as required.
Equipment:	Drink Bottle, learning resources as required
Teachers:	Home Learning Coaches
Teacher to student ratio:	K-6 - Maximum ratio of 1:11 Preschool – Maximum ratio 1:4

NOTE TO BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Educators will be carrying a mobile phone to be used if needed for contact with the group, or for calling assistance in an emergency. An appropriate First Aid Kit will also be carried by educators.

Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school. 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. Safety plans will be in place with those who require it.

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. Parents should also be aware that no automatic insurance is provided by the ACT Government in respect of injuries to students, non-enrolled children or yourselves should an injury occur on an excursion. You may wish to consider taking out personal insurance cover for yourself and/or for students and non-enrolled children accompanying the excursion.

PERMISSION SLIP – Neighbourhood and local area excursions

- I have discussed with my child the need for safe 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 costs associated with any emergency arrangements made by the school. I agree to provide to the school any medical information relevant to this excursion. Free ambulance transportation only applies in the ACT.
- I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion.
- I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.
- I have read the attached information regarding this excursion and understand what it contains.

I (family member) _____ hereby give permission for my child

(name) _____ to attend neighbourhood and local area excursions during
the duration of enrolment at Margaret Hendry School.

Signed _____ Date _____.

