

3-6 Birrigai Experience (Charlotte, Sarah, Sinead)

23 October 2020

Dear families

The following details relate to an educational experience to Birrigai Outdoor School. The focus of this excursion will be growing our cultural competence while on country. Children will be given the opportunity to strengthen friendships, develop problem-solving and collaboration skills and engage in authentic learning experiences beyond the school community. The activities will challenge children to use their communication skills and demonstrate their resilience and persistence.

Children will participate in the following learning experiences through the 'Passport to Nature Adventures' program.

- Natural Dyes and Print Making
- Grinding seeds to make flour using traditional Indigenous methods
- Cooking damper at the Communal Campfire
- Watch and learn how grass tree resin is used to create tools
- 'Who Lives Here?' Students complete hoop studies to explore the microworld of organisms at Birrigai and have opportunity to take a closer look at them under high powered microscopes.
- Building traditional Indigenous shelters
- Ephemeral Art – students collect natural objects to create an artwork with
- String making – create string using traditional Indigenous methods

Please contact the principal should your child not be able to attend for a specific reason to schedule a further discussion on the matter. All accommodations will be made to ensure that every child can attend and participate fully and safely.

Details of the excursion are as follows:

Date:	Tuesday 27 October
Time:	Departing 9.15am Returning 2.45pm
Destination:	Birrigai Outdoor School, Tidbinbilla
Cost:	THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS EXCURSION
Travel:	Bus
Clothing and Equipment	Appropriate weather clothing, sun hat, enclosed comfortable shoes
Lunch arrangements:	All food to be brought in labelled disposable bag. Drink bottle required.
Teachers:	Leadership team members and regular learning support assistants
Adult to student ratio:	K-6 1:20
Maximum number of students attending	69

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We pay respect to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders both past and present of the Ngunnawal Nation for they hold the hopes and dreams for the future of the ACT and surrounding region.

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- I have discussed with my child the need for sensible 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 understand that individual records of contributions are confidential.

I (parent/carer) _____ hereby give permission for my child

(name) _____ to attend the Birrigai Outdoor School travelling
by bus.

Signed _____ Date _____

THIS NOTE NEEDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The co-coordinating learning coach is Kate Woods. The staff will be carrying a mobile phone to be used if needed for contact with the group, or for calling assistance in an emergency. The staff will also carry a First Aid Kit.

Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school. Staff accompanying children on excursions will take all reasonable care while the children are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.

Family 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. Families should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, willful or disobedient behaviour. Families 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.

