

Ryde East Public School

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CANBERRA EXCURSION 2019 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The following information will assist you in preparing for the excursion. Please keep this note for your future reference.

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS will be teachers - Mrs Wilson, Ms Verinder, Mrs Small, Miss McCarthy, Mr Bailey and Mr Johnson.

A packing checklist is attached.

IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS MEDICATION DURING THE EXCURSION, you are requested to send this to school with your child on the morning of the excursion, Monday 23rd September 2019. This medication must be handed directly to your child's class teacher. Written details of dosage and frequency must accompany the medication and should be kept in a snap lockbag. Your child must be clearly instructed on when and how the medication is to be administered. Verbal instructions cannot be accepted on the morning of the excursion.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Luggage should display name both inside and outside. **A small carry bag,** (see point 3) containing morning tea and lunch for Monday and personal items (wallet, camera, gloves and rain jacket) will need to be taken with your child on the bus. A warm jacket should also be taken on the bus with your child so they can keep it with them throughout the day.

ON THE DAY OF DEPARTURE, Monday 23rd September 2019, your child **should arrive at the school hall no earlier than 6:30 am and no later than 6:45 am** in order to be marked present and have luggage stored on the coach. **Your child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian**. The coach will depart at 7:00 am **SHARP!**

THE DAY OF RETURN is Wednesday 25th September. The scheduled arrival time is 6.30pm, but **you are asked to be at school from 6:00pm**, in the event of an early return. The bus is scheduled to leave Canberra at 2.00pm. Any variations on the arrival time will be communicated to you via the school app.

To assist us with the safety of your child, we ask you to collect them from outside the office on the Wednesday night. As you can appreciate it can be confusing when we arrive so the students have been instructed to take ANY bag they are handed and walk to the office where the bags will be lined up in a larger, lit area. We do this so we do not have students, parents and siblings waiting on the Twin Rd path in the dark. They love to see you wave to them when we are driving past on Twin Rd but could you move inside the school once you have waved at your child. Please ensure you see your child's class teacher before you take them home so we can ensure everyone is accounted for. Thank you in advance for assisting with this procedure.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE WILL BE NO TIME ON THE MORNING OF DEPARTURE TO ADDRESS ENQUIRIES. If you have any matters of concern, or requiring clarification, please contact class teachers before Friday 13th September.

We look forward to providing a wonderful excursion experience for your child. Thank you for your co-operation as we prepare for this excursion.

CANBERRA EXCURSION – 2019

CHECKLIST

1. SUGGESTED CLOTHING AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- SCHOOL UNIFORM (to be worn on Monday)
- Lunch/morning tea for day one
- Jumpers
- Track suit pants/jeans
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Underwear 4-5 pairs
- Socks 4-5 pairs
- Gloves (optional)
- Warm hat/beanie
- Scarf
- Shoes (2 pairs) Don't forget school shoes
- Warm tracksuit
- Pyjamas
- Dressing gown/slippers (optional)
- Handkerchiefs/small box of tissues
- Jacket/warm coat
- Raincoat (as separate from jacket)
- Towel (all other linen and a pillow is supplied by the Sundown Motel Resort)
- Plastic garbage bags (for wet clothes etc)
- Camera (optional)
- Paper and pens (optional)
- Spending money (maximum \$50) should be contained in a wallet/purse with child's name clearly labelled
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, toiletry bag
- N.B. a) All items of clothing need to be clearly labelled
 - b) Rooms at the Sundown Motel Resort are heated

2. DRESS

It is anticipated that days will be mild and the nights cold, so warm jeans/warm coats etc. are essential. Strong shoes are necessary, e.g. boots, joggers etc. A tracksuit should prove to be a useful item of additional clothing. It is imperative that the children come prepared for cold, wet weather.

3. LUGGAGE

A small backpack is ideal as hand luggage on the coach. This should contain all items needed during the day, e.g. tissues, jumper/jacket, plastic garbage bag, pens, lunch, wallet, gloves and camera. A strong medium sized suitcase is needed for all other items. Please ensure students pack their bags with you – as we have had many cases of students being unaware of what their bag contains if it was packed for them.

4. LUNCH – DAY ONE

Children are to bring morning tea and a cut lunch for the first day (all other meals are supplied). Please avoid all fizzy drinks, glass containers and lollies. Sweets, chocolates etc are NOT to be taken on the excursion. Morning tea and lunch should be packed in the small bag which your child will take on the bus, as the rest of the luggage will not be accessible until arriving at our accommodation at 6.00pm on the first day.

5. POCKET MONEY AND VALUABLES

A maximum of \$50 is suggested, but this is left to your discretion. Pocket money should be brought in a clearly labelled purse/wallet. Children will be responsible for the safe keeping of their money and valuables. Most places we visit have gift shops and the students are permitted to purchase souvenirs. There will also be a rest stop on the return journey where students can purchase afternoon tea.

6. MOBILE PHONES, Ipads, tablets and ELECTRONIC GAMES <u>must not be taken!</u>

7. TRAVEL SICKNESS

If your child has a history of travel sickness, please ensure that she/he has the necessary medication to avoid such a problem. Any such medication, suitable labelled, should be handed to your child's class teacher on the morning of the excursion.

8. IF PAYING BY INSTALMENTS please ensure that all payments are finalised ASAP.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Ms Verinder Paul Johnson Principal Coordinator