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IMPORTANT CAMP UPDATE

22 August 2022

Dear parent/carer,

Year 4-6 will be going on our '**Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End Camp**', from **Wednesday, 31 August until Friday, 2 September 2022 (Term 3, Week 7)**.

Travel will be by coach. Students will need **to be at school by 6:30am** for a 7am sharp departure on Wednesday, 31 August and need to bring their own lunch for the first day. We will return to Arcadia Public School on Friday, 2 September at approximately 5:45pm. The student packing list, and items not allowed list, are attached for your information.

Please acknowledge, sign, and return the below form by **this Friday, 26 August 2022**.

Regards,
Nicole Pattison
Principal



'Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End Camp'

Wednesday, 31 August until Friday, 2 September 2022 (Term 3, Week 7)

Please tick below:

- I acknowledge that my child will need to be at school by 6:30am on Wednesday 31/08/22 for departure at 7am.
- I acknowledge that my child needs to bring their own lunch for Wednesday 31/08/22.
- I acknowledge that my child will receive medical treatment in the case of an emergency. I understand that when a medical practitioner has prescribed medication (including emergency medication) that will need to be administered during the excursion, parents are responsible for:
 - bringing this need to the attention of the school
 - ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
 - supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
 - any medication should be well within its expiry date and correctly labelled
 - collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication for the duration of the excursion
- Mobile phones or electronic devices are NOT to be brought on camp.** Staff will have mobiles in case of emergency, and we will also be taking lots of photographs so students will not need to. Any devices brought to camp will remain with Mrs Pattison until we return to school.

Please note that under the current COVID-19 guidelines, no student or staff member identified as a household or close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight activities.

- I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms or illness and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

If a student becomes unwell on camp, we will immediately isolate the student with a staff member, and you will be contacted to make arrangements for your child to be picked up from the excursion. We will inform parents of the higher likelihood for secondary cases should there be an exposure.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Parent / Guardian)

Arcadia Public School

3-day Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End Excursion

Day 1 **Wednesday 31 August 2022**

- 6.45am 1 x 48 seat coach Glenorie Coach arrive at Arcadia Public School - load baggage onto coach
- 7.00am Depart School and travel to the Blue Mountains
- 9.00am Comfort & morning tea stop at Echo Point – students & teachers are to supply their own morning tea today
- 9.30am **Blue Mountains History Tours** – Mt York’s Roads education program
Immerse yourselves into dramatic Australian Colonial History, as we examine the physical evidence of these old roads, and their impact on unsuspecting English travellers who ventured through this exceptional upper Blue Mountains location.
Selected readings from original journals, and letters add to the sense of 'being there'. In addition to its history, this location has superb views, so bring a camera! Please bring a bottle of water, and wear comfortable walking shoes
- 11.00am Depart Blue Mountains and travel to Bathurst
- 12.30pm Arrival time at Heritage Park. **Lunch on the grounds of Heritage Park – students & teachers to supply their own lunch today**
- 1.00pm **Planetarium Show at Heritage Park**
The Planetarium Show narrated by Professor David McKinnon includes workshops with models covering many aspects of the Australian Science Curriculum. The show covers Aboriginal Sky Stories that illustrate the important messages embedded within them including how aboriginals lived and moved campsites from the movement of the Moon and the stars. It is a truly educational experience that both students and teachers will enjoy.
- 3:00pm Enjoy a visit to the Animal Nursery and a hayride around Heritage Park
- 5.00pm Settle into your accommodation
- Heritage Park Accommodation**
Angus House: - 11 rooms that sleep 4 people, 1 room that sleeps 2 and a verandah that sleeps 12. In total sleep 58
Hereford House: - 4 rooms that sleep 10 people in each and 1 room that sleeps 2. In total sleep 42
Teachers will also be accommodated inside the bunkhouses with students. Separate bedrooms to the students but all share the same bathroom facilities.
- 6.00pm Dinner supplied by your accommodation
- 7.30pm Your bush dance tonight is organised and run by Heritage Park
- 9.00pm Bed time!

Day 2 **Thursday 1 September 2022**

- 7.00am Breakfast supplied by your accommodation
- 8.00am Depart Heritage Park

Hill End Ranch – education program

(IMPORTANT INFORMATION - students must wear covered shoes on all tours at Hill End. Thongs & sandals are not permitted)

- 9.30am Arrival time at the National Parks Visitor Centre.
Morning tea on the grounds of the Visitor Centre supplied by your accommodation
- 10.00am Meet Hill End Ranch staff at the Visitors Centre
- 10:15am **Hill End Village Tour** – Explore the township of Hill End. Listed as a Historic Site by the NSW Government in 1967 this unique location is possibly the closest one could come to re-living the gold rush era
- 11.30am **Hawkins Hill** - Listen to the incredible stories that etched the name Hawkins Hill into the history books. See the flying fox and the unbelievable conditions that miners of the gold rush era experienced in order to make their fortunes.
- 12:15pm Lunch supplied by Hill End Ranch
- 1.15pm **Bald Hill Underground Mine** - Miners would spend days deep below the surface in search of gold. Walk in their footsteps and experience the Bald Hill Mine
- 2.30pm Gold Panning
- 3.30pm Time for a 15-minute toilet break
- 3.45pm Depart Hill End Ranch and return to Bathurst
- 5:00pm Time to visit the souvenir shop at Heritage Park
- 5.30pm Dinner supplied by your accommodation
- 6:30pm Depart your accommodation and travel to Abercrombie House
- 7.00pm Bathurst Observatory at Abercrombie House
Enjoy a program of astronomy and night sky activities led by renowned astronomer Ray Pickard followed by a guided torch-light tour of Abercrombie House led by Christopher Morgan. The night will be concluded with hot chocolate and cookies.
- 9.00pm Depart Abercrombie House and return to your accommodation.

Day 3 Friday 2 September 2022

- 7.15am Breakfast supplied by your accommodation
Load baggage onto coach
- 8.15am Depart your accommodation
Time for a 'quick lap' around Mount Panorama before travelling to Historic Hartley
- 9.30am Morning Tea on the grounds of Historic Hartley supplied by your accommodation

- 10.00am Historic Hartley – guided tour
Hartley is a 19th century village on the western edge of the Blue Mountains in a small tributary valley of the River Lett. It consists of 17 buildings of historic significance dating from the 1837 Greek Revival courthouse to the timber and iron Corneys Garage built in 1945. There are also a large number of portable artefacts and family histories. Your interactive tour includes tour of the Courthouse and Church, a mock trial and convict costumes
- 12.30pm Lunch on the grounds of Historic Hartley supplied by your accommodation
- 1.30pm Depart Historic Hartley
- 2.15pm Scenic World – one-way ride on the Railway and one-way ride on the Cableway is included
Scenic Railway – ride the steepest incline passenger railway in the world. With an incline of 52 degrees, this historic and exciting ride is suitable for all ages. Taking up to 84 passengers every 10 minutes, the railway was originally built to haul coal and shale out of the valley from the mines at the base of the cliff. Visit the historic mining attractions at the cliff base
Scenic Cableway – Australia’s steepest passenger carrying cable car. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Jamison Valley, the spectacular Three Sisters, Orphan Rock and Katoomba Falls
- 3:45pm Depart Scenic World and travel back to school
- 5:45pm Approximate arrival time back at Arcadia Public School

Students and teachers are required to supply their own towel and toiletries



Arcadia Public School

3-day Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End Excursion

Wednesday 31 August to Friday 2 September 2022

Student Packing List Requirements and Items Not Allowed

| Item | Packed |
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| Towel | |
| Pillow and pillow case (optional) | |
| Warm jumper or jacket | |
| T-shirts | |
| Jeans or similar | |
| Socks | |
| Underwear | |
| Shoes | |
| Pyjamas | |
| Toiletries – soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant (if required) | |
| Daytime backpack | |
| Paper, pens or pencils | |
| Medication (if required) | |
| Tissues | |
| Pocket money – for souvenirs | |
| Raincoat | |
| Camera – (No mobile phones, tablets or iPads allowed) | |
| Plastic bag for dirty clothes | |
| No – junk food including lollies, chocolate and chips | |

Please note, Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End may have cool days and nights during your stay:

- The average day temperatures for Katoomba, Bathurst & Hill End in Late August/ Early September 2022 will be approx. 11 to 15 deg C
- Night-time temperatures average around 4 deg C