



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

ZooSnooz Monday 19th November to Tuesday 20th November 2018 Information for Parents and Students

Dear Parents/caregivers,

Your child has paid to attend the overnight excursion to Taronga Zoo and take part in the educational 'ZooSnooz' program.

Students will meet the teachers at Seven Hills Station on Monday 19th November at **8.15am** and will return to Seven Hills Station on Tuesday 20th November at **2.00pm**, where students are to be picked up by parents.

Please read this letter carefully as it outlines how students are expected to behave, what they should bring with them and an itinerary of the program.

General information for Students:

- Students are to **behave in an appropriate manner**, showing respect to teachers, adult supervisors and all Zoo staff.
- Students are expected to **follow instructions** from all adults including teachers, adult supervisors and the wider Zoo staff.
- **Sleeping location:** Students are located in rooms or permanent tents with students of the same gender. Teachers will be located in a different room, central to all students.
- **Equipment:** Taronga Zoo provides a camping mat. Students must bring their own sleeping bag and pillow.
- Students are to remain in these sleeping areas through the night as per the instructions from Zoo staff members.
- Students are to leave the sleeping areas clean in the morning.
- **Food:** Students will be provided with dinner on Monday night, and breakfast and lunch on Tuesday.
- Students must bring morning and afternoon tea and lunch for the day program on **Monday** to be consumed on that day. **There will be no refrigerator to store food overnight.**
- **Amenities:** Male/Female toilets are within easy access of all areas throughout the program. There are **no** shower facilities available. Students should bring their own personal toiletries etc.
- Teachers will have their personal mobile phones with them at all times.
- **Students must bring a \$15 child Opal Pass for the train and the ferry.**

Ms K Becker
Principal
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Mrs W August
Assistant Principal

Ms M Tatchell
Event Organiser

Students should bring:		
○ Sleeping bag	○ Pillow	○ Toothbrush/toiletries
○ Hat	○ Sunscreen	○ Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on Monday
○ Jumper for evening	○ Comfortable day wear	○ Running shoes (can be worn both days)
○ Pyjamas	○ A water bottle	○ Clothes for expected weather (We will walk around the zoo at night)

Students should NOT bring:		
○ Mobile phones	○ Jewellery	○ Money without handing it to Mrs August and Mr Rangiah before departure
○ Electronics	○ Nail polish or make up	○ Inappropriate clothing that is not suitable for outdoor and evening activities
○ Valuables		○ Excessive amount of clothing
○ Shoes that are not suitable for the excursion	○ Singlets, sleeveless or midriff tops	○ Chewing gum
○ Aerosol cans (i.e spray on deodorant or insect repellent)		

Please Note: The size of student luggage for ZoosnooZ is usually the equivalent of a carry-on luggage for plane travel. Larger suitcases will not be able to be stored. Please label all of the child's belongings to avoid lost items.



Here is a sample programme for the night and following day:

Day 1: Monday 19th November

- 8:15 am: Please meet Mrs August, Mr Rangiah and Mr Jones at Seven Hills train station.
- 8.45 am: Students depart Seven Hill Station on the train.
- 10.00 am: Students board ferry at Circular Quay.
- 10.30 am: Arrive at Taronga Zoo
- 11.00 am: Students have morning tea
- 11.30 am: Students walk around the zoo and attend all the shows on that day.
- 1.30 pm: Students have lunch
- 2.00pm to 4.30 pm: Zoo exploration
- 4.30 pm: Check in for the night program
- 5.15pm: Meet your hosts, luggage arrangements, walk to accommodation location
- 6:00pm: Formal introduction, orientation and icebreakers. A mandatory work, health safety briefing for teachers will occur during this time.
- 6:30pm: Dinner – our menu is constantly changing to provide the best quality, seasonal meals.
- 7.00pm: Animal encounters – look, touch and ask questions!
- 7:45pm: Night Safari walking tour – see the zoo after dark
- 9:00pm: Fruit supper and set up for bed
- 9:30pm: Lights Out

Day 2: Tuesday 20th November

- 6:00am: Rise and Shine
- 6:30am: Breakfast time (muffins, cereal and juice)
- 7:00am: Animal encounters – look, touch and ask questions!
- 8:00am: A special 'Meet a Keeper' experience
- 8:30am: Morning walk to see the Zoo waking up
- 9:00am: Program finish time, you will be dropped at the main entrance of the zoo for some free time before the zoo officially opens the gates at 9:30am
- 10.00am: Leave zoo and walk down to the beach
- 10.30 am to 11.45am: Activities on the beach
- 11.45am: Lunch at the beach
- 12.15pm: Depart the beach to return to Seven Hills Station
- 2.00pm: Arrive at Seven Hills Station

Important reminders:

- Students are to wear their **full school uniform** on Monday 19th November.
- **Students wear suitable casual clothes on Tuesday 20th November.**
- All children need to be at Seven Hills Station by 8.15am and will depart Seven Hills Station at 8.45 am
- Children will be required to **bring their packed overnight bags with them** in the morning.
- As with all school events, student's attendance is conditional on their behaviour at school. Students who DO NOT meet the school's behavioural expectations will not be issued a refund.

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This activity has the approval of the Principal.


Mrs K Becker
Principal

Mrs W August
Assistant Principal

Ms M Tatchell
Coordinator

