



# Chapman Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **2021 KINDERGARTEN BUSHKIDS PROGRAM – COOLEMAN RIDGE**

The following details relate to the continuation of the educational excursion **Bushkids** to Cooleman Ridge for Kindergarten students.

<b>Purpose</b>	<p><b>Bushkids</b> is an inquiry-based program incorporating investigation, exploration and problem solving in an outdoor environment.</p> <p>Participation in this program will allow the students to engage with many curriculum outcomes before, during and after the bush learning experience. It is an integral part of the learning throughout Term 3. The program will also encompass many opportunities for the students to build social skills and resilience and to also interact with peers across the whole Kindergarten unit.</p>
<b>Day/Date:</b>	<p>The following Thursdays in Term 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 5 July 2021</li><li>• Thursday 22 July 2021</li><li>• Thursday 29 July 2021</li><li>• Thursday 5 August 2021</li><li>• Thursday 12 August 2021</li></ul>
<b>Venue:</b>	Cooleman Ridge, Chapman
<b>Transport:</b>	Walking
<b>Timetable:</b>	<p><b>Departing</b> Chapman Primary School 12.00pm each Thursday</p> <p><b>Returning</b> to Chapman Primary School by 3.00pm</p>
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>What to bring:</b>	<p>A small backpack (as well as their usual school bag) to carry their snack and water bottle to the excursion.</p> <p>A change of clothes will be required for children attending after school care on Thursdays.</p>
<b>What to wear:</b>	<p>Children should not wear school uniform on Bushkids Thursdays.</p> <p>Please dress your children in clothing appropriate for the weather conditions with enclosed, sturdy walking shoes on each of the above listed Thursdays. We recommend multiple layers to enable children to remove or add layers as conditions change throughout each afternoon.</p>

	<p>Gloves and a beanie in addition to a waterproof / warm jacket will be necessary on very cold or wet days.</p> <p><b>Please note that this excursion will go ahead in all weather conditions.</b></p> <p>Children not appropriately dressed or prepared on Bushkids Thursdays will need to remain at school.</p>		
<b>Medical Information</b>	Please remember to update the school of any changes to previously advised medical information for your child.		
<b>Group size:</b>	76 students and 8 adults minimum	<b>Ratio:</b>	1 adult to 10 students
<b>Teacher in charge:</b>	<b>Olivia Maidment</b>		
<b>Attending Adults:</b>	<p><b>Staff members:</b> Bronwyn Leahy, Jenny Puleston, Libby Emerson, Denby Lovell, Angela Orellana, Jessica Sims &amp; Olivia Maidment</p> <p><b>Volunteer Parent:</b> to meet the required ration of 1 adult to 10 students, a minimum of 1 volunteer parents will be required to attend each Thursday.</p>		
<p><b>Parental Volunteer Assistance:</b></p> <p>To meet the requirements of ACT Education Excursion and Physical Activities Mandatory Procedures regarding adult to student ratio required for <b>Bushwalking: Grade 1-2 Non-Remote day walks</b>, a minimum of 1 volunteer parents will be required to accompany kindergarten students and staff each excursion.</p> <p>All parent volunteers must comply with Working with Vulnerable People -Volunteers and Visitors Policy and complete a Medical Information and consent form, Volunteers Volunteer Nomination Form and Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreements.</p>			
<p><b>Medical information for Parent Volunteers:</b></p> <p>To comply with new ACT Education Excursion Policy requirements, all volunteers accompanying students on excursions are required to complete a Medical Information and Consent Form. This form will be handed to you to complete when you attend your first term 3 Bushkids outing.</p>			
<p><b>Excursion Risk Assessment:</b></p> <p>The Risk Assessment is available at the school front office.</p>			
<p><b>Emergency contact for this excursion:</b> Chapman Primary School, 6142 2400</p>			
<p><b>Contingency:</b></p> <p>The <b>Bushkids</b> program is designed to go ahead in all weather conditions. Children who are not appropriately dressed for the days weather conditions will remain at school under the supervision of a year 1 teacher.</p> <p>If the required ratio of 1 adult to 10 students is unable to be met with a combination of staff and parent volunteers, the days visit will be postponed.</p> <p>If for any other reason the program does not go ahead on the scheduled dates above, eg environmental factors, the days visit will be postponed and rescheduled if possible.</p> <p>Parents will be advised of any changes to the above schedule via email notification.</p>			
<p><b>Behavioural Expectations</b></p> <p>Students are expected to demonstrate Chapman FRIENDS values and the PBL expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful.</p>			

Students who make inappropriate choices of behaviour or compromises their own or the safety of others, will be returned to school. (Please discuss this with your child.)

If a student is returned to school from Coleman Ridge due to unacceptable or unsafe behaviour, the student, their parents and teacher must attend a 3-way conference meeting prior to the following weeks Coleman Ridge visit.

This meeting is a non-negotiable requirement before the child can return to the Bushkids Program.

*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.*

*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.*

Kind regards

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and Kindergarten Teaching Team