

Thursday 16 March 2023

## Stage 3 Western Plains Camp 2023

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Due to the unforeseen number of students that cannot ride a bike, we are needing to hire another cart at Dubbo Zoo and send another staff member on the camp to support the students on bikes. Unfortunately, this has increased the price of the camp and we are requesting an additional \$12.50 from families. We are very sorry about this, but please be assured that the safety of our students at the camp must remain our priority. This payment needs to be made by 24 March 2023. Please direct any concerns or enquiries to Mr Kingham.

### What to Pack

Students will need 3 complete changes of clothing for their time away, including underwear & socks. They need to pack clothing that allows for whatever weather we may encounter. It could be cooler in the mountains but quite warm at Dubbo, so students need to have appropriate clothing. Wet weather gear should also be packed. Students need to bring their own sleeping bag, sheet, pillow, and towel.

On day one students need to bring their own lunch and water bottle in a backpack on the bus. There are several long bus trips over the four days and students should also pack appropriate snack food for break times during these journeys that will last the trip e.g. muesli bars, chips, fruit, crackers.

We are asking students to not bring devices on the excursion. The safety of these devices cannot be guaranteed, and the days/evenings will be filled with activities to keep the students entertained. The teachers will be contactable at all times via the school if required.

There may be opportunities to spend money on souvenirs, but Western Plains Zoo is card only. There may also be an opportunity to stop at McDonalds on the return journey if time permits.

### **Itinerary**

<p><b>Monday 3 April</b> 7am Coach arrives, load luggage &amp; roll call 7:15 Coach departs 9-11am Scenic World Katoomba 12:15am Arrive Bathurst Goldfields 1-5:30pm Life in Colonial Australia 6pm Dinner 7-8:30pm Colonial Music show</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 4 April</b> 6:45 Breakfast 8am Depart for Carcoar 9-12:30pm Carcoar Colonial Experience 12:30 Lunch 2-4pm Machattie Park- Building Colonial Australia 6pm Dinner at Goldfields 7:30 Evening Activity</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5 April</b> 6:45am Breakfast &amp; pack 8am Depart for Dubbo 11:15 Arrive Western Plains Zoo 12pm Picnic Lunch 12:45 Bike tour of zoo 4:30 Billabong Camp 6:15 Dinner 7:10 Night Tour 9pm Supper</p>	<p><b>Thursday 6 April</b> 6am Breakfast pack up 7:15 Early Morning Zoo Walk 8:30 Coach arrives- load luggage 9am Depart Dubbo Zoo 11:15 Stop over Cook Park, Orange 1:30pm Lunch Wentworth Falls 2:15 Depart for YPS 4:15 Arrive home</p>

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Stage 3 Teachers