

## EXCURSION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS QUESTACON EXCURSION YEAR 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following details relate to an educational excursion to **Questacon, King Edward Terrace Parkes ACT**, which is being organised for Year 2 students.

**Date/time:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Departing Red Hill School** at 9.15am

**Returning to Red Hill School** at 2.45pm

**Purpose of excursion:** To complement our new unit of inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme of *How the world works*, year 2 students will be visiting Questacon.

**Clothing and Equipment:** Healthy recess snack and lunch in lightweight packaging, and water bottle  
School uniform – Sunsmart hat, weather appropriate clothing and enclosed walking shoes

**Transport:** Bus

**Group Size:** 114 students and 7 staff

**Trip Leader:** Tania Hardcastle

**Assistant Leaders:** Kirsten Khan, Tahnee Carters, Nigel Byng, Mollie Zaja and Virginia Rosser

**Cost:** \$25.00

*The school has made every effort to keep cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or students can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the excursion with the Principal. Please contact the front office if you would like to speak with the Principal.*

**Notes/Payment Due Date:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

**Excursion Risk Assessment:** Available at the front office

**Parent Volunteers:** To maintain a high level of supervision for this event, we are asking for parent/carer volunteers to accompany us on this excursion. To volunteer for this excursion, you must have your own transport to and from Questacon. Volunteers will meet staff and Year 2 students at Questacon. It is preferred that parents/carers accompanying students on excursions as volunteers are up to date with Covid19 vaccination and hold current Working with Vulnerable People registration: <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/working-with-vulnerable-people-wwvp-registration-tab-overview>

If you are able to attend, please get in touch with your child's teacher and provide your details on the permission note.

**A Covid Safety Plan is in place for this incursion/excursion:** Volunteers and staff will follow the advice of ACT Health and maintain 1.5m physical distance throughout the excursion. If staff, student or volunteers are unwell they must stay home and not attend this excursion. Staff, volunteers and students are expected to practise healthy hand and respiratory hygiene. Staff will carry hand sanitiser. Hands will be cleaned before and after eating, activities and bus rides. Staff will wear masks on bus rides.

**Contingency:** In the event of the following conditions this excursion may be cancelled.

- Thunderstorms or torrential rain on the day
- Insufficient funds to cover the cost of the excursion
- Insufficient staff and/or volunteers to maintain supervision at Cotter Avenue

**Behavioural expectations:** Students are expected to show respect for the Questacon environment and use their senses to mindfully observe, think and wonder about what they experience.

- Students will be expected to follow adult instructions and comply with reasonable requests at all times.
- Students will be expected to model respectful, courteous behaviour towards members of the public and each other always.
- Students will be expected to remain with their allocated group and supervising adult for the duration of the excursion and maintain their class Essential Agreements and general school rules (e.g., hands and feet to themselves).
- Students will be given a designated meeting place, should they become separated from the group at any time.
- During travel on the bus students are to remain seated at all times.
- Students requiring first aid or assistance with toileting will seek help from their teachers and educators.

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,

Tania Hardcastle  
Year 2 Team