



**Jindera Public School
Year 4 major excursion
Echuca
15, 16, 17 May 2017**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As the Year 4 major excursion to Echuca is now only 2 weeks away we need to have all of the paperwork completed and returned to school as a matter of priority.

In order to confirm your child's position for the excursion to Echuca we need:

- Completed and returned medical forms
- List any special requirements or physical needs
- Complete and return the permission note at the bottom of this information sheet

The paperwork listed above is required before students can attend the Echuca excursion. These should be completed and returned by **Friday, 5 May 2017**. **The total cost for the excursion is \$280.00 and this needs to be paid to the school office by Wednesday, 10 May 2017**. If you have trouble with this and need assistance please contact the school on 6026 3280 to make other arrangements.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Mr Liam Clayton at the school.

Listed below are the excursion details.

Travel

The students will be travelling by bus from school on Monday, 15 May to Echuca, leaving at 7.15am. Students will depart Echuca on Wednesday, 17 May 2017 at 11:40am. We anticipate that students will return to school in time for the buses at 3:25pm but this cannot be guaranteed. We will keep you informed via the schools Facebook page as to our travel times.

Money

The cost of the excursion will be \$280 per student and will include all travel, meals, accommodation and activities in the program. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss a payment plan. No other money is required by students on the camp and should not be brought, as security cannot be guaranteed.

Supervision

Supervision will be provided by Mr Clayton and Ms Hueske, throughout the duration of the camp. Accommodation is provided in single sex dormitories, supervised closely by teachers and camp staff.

Itinerary

An itinerary of events is attached to this note. A list of what to take is included with this package. A medical note and permission note accompany this note and need to be returned to school by **Friday, 5 May 2017**. Students will be involved in activities such as ropes, archery, bushwalking, pedal boats, horse grooming and other adventure based learning and team building activities. The activities are designed to build independence, foster teamwork and resilience.

Medical information

A medical note accompanies this permission note. The medical note must be completed and returned to the school by **Friday, 5 May 2017**. Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to discuss any medical conditions/issues with staff prior to the excursion. The information is confidential and will be securely filed. Any prescribed medications must be provided to the teachers in the original packaging with dosage and child's name clearly indicated, on the morning of the excursion.

Note: If your child suffers from travel sickness you may wish to give them preventative medicine in the morning before they leave. It is also a very good idea to provide them with plastic bags and tissues for the journey.

Night activities

Students will be involved with night activities following dinner. Students are encouraged to bring a board game or similar (non - electronic) activity. This could include decks of cards, books etc. Night activities will also include a campfire evening and bush walk.

Behaviour

In line with the school Student Welfare/Discipline policy, all students are expected to exhibit positive, respectful and cooperative behaviour at all times. As this is a school activity, endorsed by the principal, students who do not cooperate with or are disrespectful to staff and other students will NOT attend the excursion. Students who display unsafe, disrespectful or aggressive behaviour will be sent home from Echuca. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child. Please ensure that the contents of this information letter are discussed with your child and adhered to throughout the excursion as the safety of all students and staff is paramount.

What to take

A comprehensive list of items for children accompanies this note. Please ensure that sufficient changes of warm and wet weather clothing are provided, as most activities will continue regardless of the weather, if safe. Warm and water proof clothing is essential and not optional.

For security reasons radios, MP3 players, computer games, mobile phones (limited reception), jewellery, video games and anything of value should not be taken. Billabong Ranch staff has asked that lollies and chewing gum not be taken as this attracts snakes and vermin.

A healthy, nutritious morning tea and lunch for the first day should be packed and carried on the bus in a day pack but not consumed on the bus.

Homesickness

Please remember that our staff has a vast level of experience and has taken students to sport, recreation camps and overnight excursions for many years. Your child/ren will have a memorable and exciting experience. Children can, however, experience homesickness whilst they are away. This is only made worse when parents/carers contact their children when they are away on camp. Please help us to help your child have a fabulous time by only contacting the school or camp in an emergency. We will contact you if necessary. Please do not send a mobile phone (even for use as a camera). Mobile phones, if sent, will be confiscated until the end of the camp.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the excursion in more detail, or have any further questions please contact the school on 6026 3280. If you would like your Year 4 student to attend the 2017 Echuca excursion please complete the permission note below and medical form and return both to the office by **Friday, 5 May 2017**.

Emma Andrews
Principal (Relieving)

Liam Clayton
Year 4/5 teacher

Laura Hueske
Year 3/4 teacher

Permission note: Years 4 major excursion to Echuca.

Please return to the front office (with *medical* form) by Friday 5 May 2017.

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____
to attend the Years 4 major excursion to Echuca on 15, 16, 17 May 2017.

I understand that supervision will be provided by Mr Clayton, Ms Hueske and camp staff throughout the duration of the camp. I understand that the students will be involved in activities such as bushwalking, horse grooming, low ropes, pedal boats and other outdoor/adventure activities.

I understand that travel to and from Echuca is by bus, departing on Monday, 15 May and returning on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

My child's allergies and medical conditions are outlined on the medical form attached.

I give / do not give (please circle) permission for my child to receive medical treatment in the case of an emergency.

I have read and discussed the contents of this information letter with my child and if necessary, will collect my child from the Echuca if they display unsafe, disrespectful or aggressive behaviour towards staff or other students.

Signed:
(Parent/Caregiver) _____

Date: _____