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### Year 2 Outdoor Learning Program Old Boatshed

10 October 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We write to inform our Year 2 families of the upcoming Outdoor Learning Program (OLP), which will take place from **Thursday 14 November to Friday 15 November**. The Year 2 OLP aims to compliment the holistic education offering of the School and builds upon Bush School experiences throughout the year. The program will be conducted sequentially, constructed of two day experiences, with day 1 commencing at 8.30am and concluding at 7.30pm, the second day will be normal school hours, concluding at 3.30pm.

#### **DAY 1**

##### Departure

Students may arrive dressed in their casual clothes ready for the OLP. Upon arrival at school at 8.20am, students will drop their personal bags at the Preparatory School stairs, before meeting classroom teachers in their classrooms **by 8.30 am**.

##### Return

Students will return to **Preparatory School steps by bus at 7.30pm**, where students can be collected at that time.

##### Equipment required for Day 1

Students will need to bring a personal day pack with the items listed in the student equipment list (found at the end of this letter). Students will also need to carry with them: morning tea, a hat, and a full water bottle. After morning tea on Thursday 14 November, all food while at OLP will be catered for.

#### **DAY2:**

##### Departure

Standard school day drop off and pickup timing will apply. Students are to arrive to school by **8.20am**, before meeting classroom teachers in their classrooms for attendance to be marked. At 8.30am all staff and students will make their way back to the Old Boat Shed in preparation for the day's activities.

##### Return

Students will return to school at **3.30pm**, ready for collection.

##### Equipment required for Day 2

Students will need to bring, and carry with them a hat and a full water bottle. These items can be packed in a small day pack/backpack. Students should come to School for Day 2 wearing casual clothing. All food for the day is supplied by GGS.



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### STAFFING

Guildford Grammar School staff in attendance:

- Tim Angeloni
- Jason Zaus
- Clare Barry
- Wayne Ritzema
- Mel Siddans
- Carol Anderson
- Lynn Gass
- Ilaria Maino
- David Taylor

As well as additional education support staff, and staff from Educated By Nature.

### PROGRAM

We partner with 'Educated by Nature' to provide activity support and facilitation while the first night ends with a very special visit from Wanjoo singers where students will learn Noongar songs on the banks of the Derbarl Yerrigan. Day 2, we return to the Old Boat Shed where we continue our activities at a slower pace before our closing ceremony and conclusion.

The Year 2 experience is sequenced as a continuation of our Bush School Program and the first of longer form engagements of Outdoor Learning. This OLP takes place late in the school year, allowing students to strengthen and solidify relationships with peers and teachers that will continue to support them well beyond the program. The deliberate programming and redirection of Year 2 OLP in 2024 aligns with the philosophy and educational intentions of a sequenced age and stage appropriate outdoor learning program, complimented by unique external engagements.

Personal attributes such as cooperation, acceptance, support, determination, responsibility, and trust will be inherent within all activities. Students will have the opportunity to deeply engage in the natural environment.

Activities planned for the program include:

- Indigenous construction
- Derbarl Yarrigan activity (water)
- Story Sticks
- Wanjoo Singers
- Kambarang Colours
- Artistic Design and Creation

The aims of the Year 2 program are:

- To work cooperatively with other students in the Year 2 cohort.
- To demonstrate self-management skills and take responsibility for property and actions.
- To develop a deeper understanding of the environment we are visiting.
- To foster an appreciation of the significance of Indigenous knowledge and connection.



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We expect students will find the program a rewarding and potentially challenging experience. The program is designed to be a FUN and memorable experience for all students and of course, no previous outdoor experience is required.

### **MEDICAL & DIETARY MATTERS**

Please note if you have a child with medical and/or dietary needs:

- You may be asked to complete an additional Medical Advisory plan in the weeks leading up to the program. All information will be strictly confidential. We appreciate you providing as much detailed information as you can as this will help ensure the safest and most enjoyable time for your child. We will contact you if we need additional information.

In the coming weeks, you will receive correspondence from MCBschools, which is our student management platform responsible for maintaining student medical and dietary information. If your child's medical details have changed, or if you are unsure, please follow the prompts to check and update details.

### **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

A parent presentation is planned for **Tuesday 22 October at 8.45am** conducted by Jason Zours (Director of Outdoor Learning) and Tim Angeloni (OLP Coordinator). This will be held in the Preparatory School Link and we will conclude our time together with an informal Q&A session. Your attendance at this session is not compulsory, however if you have any questions about the upcoming Year 2 Program, or would simply like to hear more, we look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to make it to the presentation, you will be able to find the slides [HERE](#) after the scheduled presentation.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR**

The accepted School expectations for appropriate student behaviour apply whilst attending the Year 2 Outdoor Learning Program. The GGS Positive Behaviour Adventure Trail supports our students, informing positive choices and expectations. Students are reminded that at no time are they allowed to move away from the immediate area or an activity without a staff member's permission. Students' concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and others must always be paramount.

Any breach of the stated behavioural expectations may result in the student concerned being sent home early from the program. In such a situation, the family would be expected to cover any additional costs incurred.

- Students are NOT permitted to bring expensive electronic items including phones, Apple watches, Apple air tags, personal music players/speakers or electronic games. Digital cameras are permitted, but optional.

### **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

A list of student requirements is found at the end of this letter. Please label all clothing items as this makes it much easier for us to return items to you.



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As per Guildford Grammar Schools Fees and Charges, the School's Outdoor Learning Program is compulsory and considered part of the holistic education offerings. Associated fees are non-refundable as costs incurred in operating the OLP are not lessened by the absence of individual students.

Should you have any queries, please contact Jason Zaur (Director of Outdoor Learning) or Tim Angeloni (Outdoor Learning Program Coordinator) via phone or email at [outdoorlearning@ggs.wa.edu.au](mailto:outdoorlearning@ggs.wa.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

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### STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

No	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PACKED
	<b>ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT – ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BRING</b>	
1	Small backpack for day use (i.e. water bottle, morning tea for day 1 book, cards)	
1	Supportive Walking shoes	
	<b>Personal Items</b>	
1	Tissues/hankies	
1	Sunscreen	
1	Insect repellent	
1	Personal medications – Blister/Webster packed and given to Prep Admin by 10 May	
1	Water bottles	
1	Hat – broad brimmed – no caps please.	
1	Camera- optional (not phone)	

### ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

**Clothing** - No singlets for daywear. Lightweight cotton or similar t-shirts are preferred. If the weather turns cool, consider the layer principle – t-shirt with long sleeved shirt over the top with jumper or jacket over that. Raincoat needs to be rain and windproof and should have a hood.

**Food/Cooking** - Other than morning tea on Thursday, all food will be provided. Please do not bring lollies/chips. Simple wraps and sandwiches, fruit, biscuits, BBQ & Salads are provided. .