



## Guildford Grammar School

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### Year 4 Outdoor Learning Program Boshack Outback Adventure

February 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We write to inform our Year 4 families of the upcoming Outdoor Learning Program (OLP), which will take place from **Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 28 March**, at Boshack Outback Eco Farm, in Wattening.

#### DEPARTURE

Students will depart on **Tuesday 26 March**. After arriving at school, students will drop their bags at the Preparatory School stairs before meeting their classroom teachers in their classrooms **by 8.20 am**.

On the day of departure, students will need to carry with them: morning tea, a hat and a full water bottle for day one. These items can be packed in a small day pack/backpack for students (separate to their primary clothes bag). After morning tea on the first day, all meals will be catered for.

#### RETURN

Students will return to School on **Thursday 28 March** at approximately **3.00pm** and can be collected from the Preparatory School stairs at this time. Notification to parents by the Preparatory School Administration will occur if there are significant changes to our estimated return time.

#### STAFFING

Guildford Grammar School staff in attendance:

- Tim Angeloni
- Jason Zaus
- Lesley-Ray Gerber
- Petar Alavanja
- Morag McCallum
- Nurse Justine Hymus
- David Taylor
- As well as additional education support staff, Outdoor Learning Staff, and the Educated by Nature Team

#### PROGRAM

We partner with 'Educated by Nature' to provide activity support and facilitation for much of the program. The Boshack experience is sequenced as a continuation of our Preparatory, Outdoor Learning and Bush School Programs. This adventure takes place early 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.

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 local environment and will spend two nights sleeping in dormitory/cabin accommodation.

Activities planned for the program include:

- Canoeing on a natural lake
- Hut building
- Farm and animal tour
- Bush art and craft and self-reflective exercises
- Basic navigation and orienteering
- Night walk and star gazing

The aims of the Year 4 program are:

- To get to know and work cooperatively with other students in the Year 4 cohort
- To demonstrate self-management skills and take responsibility for property and actions
- To develop a deeper understanding of the environment we are visiting

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.

Families are encouraged to login to the Boshack Outback website ([www.perthschoolcamps.com.au](http://www.perthschoolcamps.com.au)) for more site-specific information. To help you and your child prepare for the program, further information including a packing list is detailed below.

#### **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.
  - If your child requires daily medication, it is essential to have your local pharmacy/chemist prepare a 'blister' or 'Webster' pack indicating medication dosage, day, and time, to ensure that this can be easily managed by your child and school staff. Prescription medications, once blister packed by your pharmacist, will need to be dropped at Preparatory School Administration by no later than 15 March, so our Medical Team has sufficient time to correctly process medications and follow up any discrepancies in our documentation.
  - Students will be participating in water activities while on program (canoeing). All students will be wearing personal flotation devices while participating. Although entering the water is unlikely, as a precaution we ask; if your child cannot swim at least 25m, please select 'non-swimmer' when completing the online consent documentation through Consent2Go. Alternative activities will be provided for non-swimmers.



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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 **Wednesday 6 March at 2.45pm** conducted by Jason Zaus (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 4 Program, or would simply like to hear more, we look forward to seeing you there.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOUR**

The accepted School expectations for appropriate student behaviour apply whilst attending the Year 4 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 campsite or an activity without a staff member's permission. Students are not allowed to be out of bed at night after "lights out" without an appropriate reason. 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. Additionally, on the weekend of 7-10 March, Kathmandu (Midland Gate), will be hosting an exclusive "Gear Up" event for Guildford Grammar Year 4 students. They will be offering considerable discounts, fitting, and professional advice on many outdoor learning related products (if you are unable to access or borrow from home).

### **LUGGAGE:**

All items taken to camp should fit into ONE duffel bag (students must be able to carry) or similar soft bag. A suitcase is not suitable.

Students should come to the School on Tuesday in their casual clothes ready for the OLP.

As per Guildford Grammar Schools Fees and Charges, the Schools 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.

Yours sincerely



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### STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

No	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PACKED
	<b>ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT – ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BRING</b>	
1	Backpack for day use on bus (i.e. water bottle, morning tea, book, cards)	
1	Supportive Walking shoes	
1	'Wet shoes' – booties or old runners suitable for water activities	
3	Socks	
3	Underwear	
2	T-shirts	
1	Long sleeved shirt	
2	Shorts – broad shorts for canoeing	
1	Rash vest for canoeing	
1	Pants	
2	Warm jumper/jacket – wool or fleece	
1	Sleepwear/PJ's	
1	Beanie	
1	Raincoat with hood	
1	Tea towel	
	<b>Personal Items</b>	
1	Tissues/hankies	
1	Towel & Toiletries – toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant (no aerosols)	
1	Sunscreen	
1	Insect repellent	



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1	Personal medications – please hand to the nurse if not already done	
2	Water bottles	
1	Hat – broad brimmed – no caps please.	
1	Sleeping Bag	
1	Pillow	
1	Camera- optional (not phone)	
1	Head torch (with batteries)	
1	Book to read	
2	Garbage bags for wet gear	

### **Additional Tips for an enjoyable experience:**

Students will be sleeping in cabins whilst on camp. Given the time of year, the weather may be warm during the day. This will need to be considered when organising equipment.

**Packing** - Pack all gear into one large bag – please no giant suitcases. Make sure that all items are clearly labelled with student name.

**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.

**Canoeing** - The students will be doing canoeing. They will need boardies/rashie and old shoes or reef shoes for this activity. Please note - their clothes will come home dirty - please don't pack whites or the "Sunday best". It would be a good idea to have a garbage bag to place wet gear into for the trip back to school.

**Food/Cooking** - Other than morning tea on Tuesday, all food will be provided. Please do not bring lollies/chips. The caterers at Boshack Outback are very experienced with allergies and special diets and they go to a lot of trouble to make sure everyone gets a good, healthy meal.



### Kia Ora/G'day Wilderness Families 2024,

Kathmandu **Midland gate** is pleased to invite you to an exclusive shopping program. We are offering a one-off Gear up discount on purchases across the entire range.

#### Promotion Information:

**To be held at the Midland gate store from:**

**7<sup>th</sup> march– 10<sup>th</sup> march**

During this event we will offer our guidance and expertise, from important information on correctly fitting backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear, to technical information on clothing and apparel.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure to ensure you will be safe and comfortable.

#### How to take advantage of this offer:

Simply present this flyer at Kathmandu **Midland gate** on the above dates to gain access to your community discount. Terms & Conditions:

- Offer only valid at the Kathmandu **Midland gate** store between **7<sup>th</sup> march – 10<sup>th</sup> march**
- Purchases are strictly for **Guildford grammar year 4 students, parents and staff** only.
- Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale/clearance discount.
- The store manager may revoke or restrict this offer at their discretion.

Thanks 😊😊😊



Kathmandu Team

