

Year 4 Outdoor Learning Program – Boshack Outback

February 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We write to inform our Year 4 families of the upcoming Outdoor Learning Program (OLP), which will take place from **Wednesday 9 April to Friday 11 April**.

Boshack Outback, in Bolgart offers students a unique and immersive experience that connects them with Western Australia's agricultural heritage. Once a working wheat and sheep farm, Boshack provides an ideal setting for students to explore (by foot and by canoe), as they learn about the primary production industry, interact with farm animals, and deepen their understanding of local culture and the natural environment. This enquiry based learning opportunity encourages students to disconnect from technology and engage with the natural world, developing important life skills while fostering teamwork and building lasting memories with their peers in a dynamic outdoor setting.

DEPARTURE

Students will depart from the main bus zone in front of the Preparatory steps at **8.30am** on **Wednesday 9 April**. Students are asked to arrive at school at 8.00am, first dropping their bags at the main steps of the Preparatory School then making their way to classrooms to meet their teachers and have attendance registered.

Please BYO lunch snacks and a water bottle for Day 1. These items can be packed in a small daypack.

RETURN

Students will return to School on **Friday 11 April** at approximately **3.15pm** 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 Zours
- Sarah Mornement
- Abigail Thomas
- Lesley-Rae Gerber
- Tina Teuchert
- Nurse: Justine Hymus
- As well as additional education support staff, Outdoor Learning Staff and Educated By Nature Staff.



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PROGRAM

We partner with Educated By Nature to provide activity support and facilitation for most onsite activities. The Boshack Outback experience is sequenced as a continuation of our Preparatory School Outdoor Learning Program. We hope this experience allows students to strengthen and solidify relationships with peers and teachers, both of which will continue to support them well beyond the program.

Personal attributes such as cooperation, acceptance, resilience, 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 accommodation.

Activities planned for the program include:

- Canoeing
- Bushwalking
- Farm and animal tour
- Shelter building
- Teambuilding games
- Geocaching
- Natural art session
- Nightly activities and stargazing

The aims of the Year 4 program are:

- To get to know and work cooperatively with other students (and staff), in the Year 4 cohort
- To demonstrate and develop self-management skills, build independence and problem-solving skills, and take responsibility for property and one's actions
- To develop a deeper understanding of the environment we are visiting

We expect that the students will find the program a rewarding and potentially challenging experience. Families are encouraged to visit the following websites for further information.

<https://www.boshack.com/>

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.



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Prescription medications, once blister packed by your pharmacist, will need to be dropped at Preparatory School Administration by no later than **Wednesday 3 April**, so our Medical Team has sufficient time to correctly process medications and follow up any discrepancies in our documentation.

In the coming weeks you will receive correspondence from MCBschools (Consent2Go), 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. Parents are asked to update all details by **Friday 21 March**.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent presentation is planned for **Tuesday 11 March at 8.45am** conducted by Jason Zauris (Director of Outdoor Learning), Tim Angeloni (OLP Coordinator) and Sarah Mornement (Nature Pedagogy Practitioner). This will be held in the Foundation Pavilion 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please be aware that our GGS Parent Hub is active and has all the information for OLP within it. You can find the Outdoor Learning Program tab by scrolling down and by selecting the Outdoor Learning Program tab, you will then be able to select the relevant information, please find the Parent Hub [HERE](#)

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 lost items to you.



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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 as we do not have the luggage space.

Students should come to the School on Wednesday morning 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 the outdoor learning department at outdoorlearning@ggs.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

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Outdoor Learning Program Coordinator

Sarah Mornement

Nature Pedagogy Practitioner

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Director of Outdoor Learning



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REQUIRED STUDENT EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

(All items to be clearly marked with student name and packed in a duffel bag that they can carry)

No.	Item Description	Packed
	ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT – ALL STUDENTS TO BRING	
1	Named individual drink bottle (500ml -1 litre) Very important!	
1	Backpack to carry water bottle, lunch, a warm layer, and raincoat if required	
1	Morning tea and lunch for Day 1 in a lunch box (with secure lid)	
1	Sleeping Bag	
1	Pyjamas or light tracksuit	
1	Pillow and pillowcase	
	PROGRAM CLOTHES That can get dirty! No singlets, midriff tops or very short shorts. T-shirts must cover the shoulders completely and preferably have a collar.	
1	Track pants/jeans and a long-sleeved top for after showers	
1	Outdoor pants/lightweight track pants and a clean T-shirt	
2	Shorts and T-Shirt	
1	Raincoat – waterproof jacket (students will be going outside even if raining. Jackets should be of good quality i.e. gortex material or something similar)	
1	Beanie	
1	Warm jumper or windcheater (just in case or if its really windy – to be worn during the day)	
4	Changes of underwear and socks	
1	Strong closed-in shoes, trainers to be worn for activities and around the camp AND Thongs/Crocs for shower – these will only be used for moving from dorms to shower block and for going to the beach	
1	Bath towel	
2	Plastic garbage bags for dirty clothes	



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1	School bucket hat or wide brimmed hat or flap hat (compulsory). No visors or branded caps.	
1	Toothbrush and toothpaste – Other toiletries and sanitary items as needed. No aerosol cans of deodorant please.	
1	Head Torch with new batteries and a spare set (Bunnings)	
1	Book for reading at night or early morning.	

Item Description

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT		
1	Sleeping bag liner (keeps your sleeping bag clean)	
1	Bottom sheet to go on bunk bed (if hot – enables sleeping bag to be used as a doona)	
1	Sunglasses	
1	Personal SPF30+ sunscreen (can be shared)	
1	Lipbalm containing SPF (i.e. Blistex)	
1	Personal mosquito/fly repellent – small amount	
1	Card game or other small game that can be shared	

Item Description

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO STUDENTS		
	Specialist outdoor equipment	
	Food and drink for the duration of the program (excluding Day 1 recess and lunch)	

Item Description

PLEASE DO NOT BRING		
	Lollies, chips, drinks etc.	
	Electronic equipment including digital music players, bluetooth speakers, air tags etc	
	Aerosol cans – they can produce asthma attacks.	
	Mobile phones (there is no need for these and they must not be used on program)	
	Smart Watches (which have cellular functions) – They could get easily broken and are not to be worn	
	Make-up (it is not to be worn) or hair dryers, straighteners etc	
	Money, jewellery or sentimental items	