



OAKHILL DRIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Tuesday 30 March to Thursday 1 April 2021 Final Note

25 March 2021

Dear Stage 3 Parents,

Due to our current situation, things are different this year for our trip to Canberra. Please note the following:

Covid 19 procedure:

No person is to board the coach if any of the following applies;

They:

- are required to be in isolation because they have been diagnosed with coronavirus
- have been directed to quarantine
- have been in contact with someone diagnosed with corona virus or who is in quarantine
- have recently returned from overseas
- are displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms: temperature above 37.5 degrees C; chills; cough; sore throat; shortness of breath; runny nose; loss of sense of smell.

Both staff and students will be required to sanitise getting back on the bus at each stop.

The National Capital Educational Tourism Project (NCETP) together with venues in Canberra have collaborated and come up with a uniform procedure for entry that conforms with newly created School Excursions to the ACT Covid-19 protocols. One of the procedures is a signed declaration from parents regarding the health of their child, **which is to be filled out prior to Tuesday 30 March and must be brought to school on the morning of departure**. We are not permitted to enter the ACT unless every student has this signed declaration form. The bus teachers will collect these forms on the departure morning. Please find this form attached.

CHANGE OF TIME:

Due to these requirements children need to be at school between 6:45am and 7:00am.

The departure time at Oakhill Drive Public School is now 7:30am.

Students in Buses 3, 4 and 5 need to be dressed in full summer school uniform with their school jacket, as they will be attending Parliament House on this day.

Students in Buses 1 and 2 need to be dressed in mufti and have their school uniform packed ready to wear on Thursday 1 April, when they will attend Parliament House.

Our students must wear their school uniform when we visit Parliament House.

On arrival at school students will need to:

1. Leave their large luggage bag in the bus bay area next to their bus number. All students know their bus number. If it is raining, bags may go straight onto the coaches. Coach drivers will load the luggage into the coaches. Any parent assistance will be greatly appreciated.
2. Come into the school and find their bus teacher. Buses 1 and 2 will be in the hall. Buses 3, 4 and 5 will be outside the hall.
3. Have their name marked off by bus teacher.
4. Hand in any medications to bus teacher (all medications should be clearly marked with name, dosage and schedule).
5. **All anaphylactic/allergy students will not need their medications from home**, we will be taking the medications from school.

6. Students need to keep their asthma puffers with them at ALL TIMES.
7. Temperatures may be taken at this time.
8. Go to the bathroom prior to boarding the bus.
9. Hand in the Declaration Form, see attached, to bus teacher.

Other Information:

- No money is to be brought on the excursion.
- Linen – All bed linen and bath towels are provided.
- Due to luggage restrictions; no pillows please.
- Cameras are permitted– No phone cameras allowed
- Small daypack containing – refillable water bottle, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, (for the first day), notepad/cards/books etc, camera, tissues, asthma puffers. Day pack will be taken on the bus.
- No mobile phones, iPads, smart watches etc. Electronic devices of any kind are not to be brought, except cameras (not phone cameras).
- No lollies.

Accommodation is at Canberra Park.

Motion Sickness - As we cannot guarantee a seat close to the front of the bus, we recommend that if your child does suffer from motion sickness, please medicate them 20 minutes prior to departure. Give additional travel medication to teachers on Tuesday morning. Temperatures may be taken to ensure all children are well enough to travel.

Arrival back at school:

Pick up children at 6pm on Thursday 1 April. Please check the school website or Skoolbag app for travel updates on Thursday afternoon.

Written permission must be given for children to leave school on Thursday with anyone other than their parents/carers. Children will not be allowed to walk home without an adult.

If your child is sick and will not be attending Canberra, please notify the school on or before Monday 29 March. For a refund, notification needs to be received by Thursday 25 March before 3pm. Please remember that the \$142.00 deposit is not refundable.

Contact

Due to the full itinerary and the requirement for teachers to be supervising students at all times, Dojo and Seesaw messages along with emails will not be answered. If there is an urgent need to contact teachers about your child, please phone either the school on 9634 1033 during school hours, or on the school mobile on 0436 678 410. Please be assured that the teachers will contact you with any concerns about your child. Photos will be taken during the excursion by teachers, which will be shared with parents next term.

Bus numbers and accompanying staff:

- Bus 1: Mrs Ploeg and Mrs Fulton-Boote
- Bus 2: Mrs Body and Mr Steel
- Bus 3: Mrs Paris, Mr Chapman and Mrs Jones
- Bus 4: Miss Ardley and Mrs Koller
- Bus 5: Miss Lord and Mrs Cormack

Please discuss the 'Code of Conduct' before Tuesday with your child, to ensure they understand excursion expectations.

We look forward to a fun and educational excursion in Canberra.

Many thanks
Anne Fulton-Boote
Camp Organiser

Helen Paris
Deputy Principal

COVID-19 – Personal Health Declaration Form



The purpose of this Personal Health Declaration (PHD) is to determine whether your child is displaying signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or is at risk of developing COVID-19.

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Teacher: _____ Class/Year level: _____

Is your child experiencing a Fever $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ or chills / night sweats? Y/N

Is your child experiencing an Acute Respiratory Infection?

Cough Y/N

Shortness of Breath, Lethargy Y/N

Sore Throat, Loss of Sense of Smell/Taste Y/N

Has your child been in close proximity to a person with a Suspected or Confirmed Case of COVID-19 for greater than 15 minutes, over the course of a week, in the period beginning 48 hours prior to onset of their symptoms? Y/N

Has your child shared a closed space with a person with a Suspected or Confirmed Case of COVID-19 for more than 2 hours, in the period beginning 48 hours prior to onset of their symptoms? Y/N

Has your child returned from overseas travel (including a cruise) or been in close contact with anyone who has returned from overseas travel who has a Suspected or a Confirmed COVID-19 case, within the last 14 days? Y/N

Is your child coming from an area deemed a hotspot by the State/Territory in which they reside? Y/N

If you answered YES to any Questions above:

1. If a child is displaying symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, or lethargy, and appears generally unwell, the child should not take part in the excursion and medical advice should be sought.
2. If a child or a staff member is a suspected COVID-19 case they should be excluded from the cohort and isolated – the parent/guardian/carer of a child must be contacted immediately – the excursion should not go ahead.

Consent: I declare to the best of my knowledge, the answers to the questions in this form are true and correct. I understand that by signing I give consent that the health data from this PHD may be shared with a relevant State or Territory Public Health Unit (PHU) if circumstances require.

I understand that by signing this PHD I am granting permission, if circumstances require Australian Capital Territory PHU engagement, for my child to undergo testing for COVID-19 in accordance with PHU directives and management guidelines.

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mobile number: _____ Home number: _____

Signature _____ Date _____