

Science & Technology Excursions 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The following details relate to the educational excursions that are being organised for students in Year 7 Science and/or Technology (Food and Digital Technology) classes in 2017.

In 2017 we are aiming to enrich our students' learning experiences through a wide range of excursions and activities. To facilitate this we have compiled and booked all of the activities for our Year 7 students in these courses for the year.

The grid below shows the full list of excursions and in-school activities for students to participate in.

We are asking that you **complete the attached** permission note, along with payment (or payment plan details) by the **end of Week 3, Term 2**. *This will allow us to confirm bookings and final numbers to lock in the discounted rates we have secured for booking early.*

There is a second grid attached which includes details for the excursions for students who are in our Gifted and Talented (G&T) Science program. If your child is interested in participating in this program, please email stacey.griffiths@ed.act.edu.au for more information.

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Supervising Teacher

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Principal, Calwell High School

Event	Date and times	Cost
Questacon Visit	18th May (Thursday Week 4, Term 2) 9.45 – 2.30pm	\$25
<i>Students in Years 7-10 will be able to experience hands on Science and Technology at the Questacon Parkes. The new Space exhibit will give students an insight into the units we will be covering across 2017. We will travel by private bus and students may bring lunch or money for the Café.</i>		
Reptiles Inc. Visit	18th August (Friday - Week 5, Term 3) 2 shows, 9am and 10am (1 show per student)	\$5
<i>Students will be studying Ecology, looking at how plants and animals interact in their environments. They will look at what special features different species have evolved to have which help them to survive in their environment. This will be an in-class event, with students attending a session at 9am or 10am (depending on their class)</i>		
Calwell Creek visit	23rd & 25th August (Wed & Fri – Week 6, Term 3) During class time (9.40 – 10.55am)	Free
<i>Students will be studying Ecology, looking at how plants and animals interact in their environments. They will look at what special features different species have evolved to have which help them to survive in their environment. We will walk to Calwell Creek to collect samples of small invertebrates and plants to create the student's major project a "Bottle Biology" ecosystem.</i>		

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Jerrabomberra Wetlands visit	29th August (Tues – Week 7, Term 3) 9.45am – 2.45pm	\$10
<p><i>Students will be studying Ecology, looking at how plants and animals interact in their environments. They will look at what special features different species have evolved to have which help them to survive in their environment</i> <i>We will travel by private bus and students need to bring their own lunch.</i></p>		
National Zoo and Aquarium	4th August (Monday – Week 8, Term 3) 9.45am - 2.45pm	\$30
<p><i>Students will be studying Ecology, looking at how plants and animals interact in their environments. They will look at what special features different species have evolved to have which help them to survive in their environment.</i> <i>We will travel by private bus and students may bring lunch or money for the Café.</i></p>		
Luna Park Physics Excursion	8th September (Friday Week 8, Term 3) 9am - 9pm	\$100
<p><i>Students in Years 7-10 will be studying Physics in Term 3 and 4. We will travel to Luna Park to look at Physics in action and to better understand the forces we have been learning about.</i> <i>We will travel by private bus and students may bring lunch or money for the Café.</i></p>		
Tidbinbilla excursion	13th September (Wed – Week 9, Term 3) 9.45am - 2.45pm	\$25
<p><i>Students will be studying Ecology, looking at how plants and animals interact in their environments. They will look at what special features different species have evolved to have which help them to survive in their environment</i> <i>We will travel by private bus and students need to bring their own lunch.</i></p>		
Mount Stromlo Observatory visit	18th October (Wed – Week 2, Term 4) 9.45am - 2.45pm	\$20
<p><i>In Term 4 students in Year 7 will be studying the new unit “Escape From Planet Earth” where they will be looking at using different science fields to design and implement the colonisation of a new planet (after planning and presenting an apocalypse that will destroy Earth).</i> <i>We will visit the observatory to look at how Astronomy can help us in this endeavour.</i> <i>We will travel by private bus and students need to bring their own lunch.</i></p>		

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If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education and Training Directorate (ETD) (Calwell School). This information is necessary for us to be able to manage student participation in excursions, and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion.

Normally we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose.

Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion in order to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. (Drafting note: disclosure overseas reference may be omitted for local excursions.)

The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website (www.det.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.

Excursions are an optional enrichment activity and parents are expected to cover the costs incurred.

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Students who misbehave during an excursion may be excluded from further participation and/or returned home at the expense of the parent/guardian.

When students need to arrange their own transport to and from the event it is the responsibility of the driver to ensure he/she carries the required driver's licence, that the vehicle is appropriately registered and insured, is roadworthy, and the number of passengers does not exceed the seat belt provision of the vehicle.

Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff are not negligent. Parents should warn children of risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour. Normal school rules apply for the duration of this excursion.

Students with an unacceptable behaviour record may be excluded from attending excursions. This decision will be made by the organising teacher in consultation with Student Services Staff, Deputy and Principal.

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Please return to the front office by Friday 12th May 2017

I give permission for my child _____ to the excursions ticked on the next page.

I have read the attached information regarding this excursion and understand what it contains, including:

- Transport Arrangements**
- Cost**
- Medical** - In order to participate in this event, each student is required to have a completed medical form. Medical attention may be sought if the teacher in charge deems it necessary, and I authorise the teacher to make these arrangements. I agree to meet the costs of any such decisions.
- Authority** – My child is under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion, and the teacher in charge is authorised to return the student home at the expense of myself as parent/guardian if the teacher considers that circumstances warrant such action.

I, the parent/carer can be contacted on the following phone number(s) on the day of the excursion:

(h) _____ (w) _____ (mob) _____

My child suffers from the following medical conditions: _____

The following treatment is required: _____

The following medication must be taken on that day: (give details of time/dose/etc)

Full name of parent/carer (please print): _____

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Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the following excursions (please tick all that apply):

<i>Questacon Visit</i>	\$25	
<i>Reptiles Inc. Visit</i>	\$5	
<i>Calwell Creek visit</i>	Free	
<i>Jerrabomberra Wetlands visit</i>	\$10	
<i>National Zoo and Aquarium</i>	\$30	
<i>Luna Park Physics Excursion</i>	\$100	
<i>Tidbinbilla excursion</i>	\$25	
<i>Mount Stromlo Observatory visit</i>	\$20	

The total cost for my child's excursions and activities is _____

If your child is the G&T program please check the list on the next page for any additional activities or excursions they may wish to participate in.

I have included (please tick your response):

- Full payment of _____ cash / credit card / cheques made out to Calwell High School
- Partial payment of _____. The remainder will be paid on _____ via _____
(please write what payment method so we can link your payment with this note)
- No payment - I would like to set up a payment plan of _____ (amount) each week / fortnight / month

We need to know numbers of students for these events by the end of Week 2, Term 2. If you would like your child to attend, but cannot make payments prior to the date you are still welcome to return the form with the payment plan option selected.

Refunds can not be given unless there are exceptional circumstances. Refunds can not be issued within 2 weeks of the event.

Credit card and Direct Debit payment options

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Credit Card payments</u></p> <p>Please debit _____ from the following. <i>MasterCard / Visa (please circle)</i> Name on card: _____ Card number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Direct payments</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BSB 032777</i> <i>Account Number: 001068</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>please put your family name and description of the payment i.e. Competitions 2017 family name and email elissa.east@ed.act.edu.au to confirm payment.</i></p>
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I give permission for my child to attend the following excursions as part of the G&T program (please tick all that apply):

Gifted & Talented (G&T) Program students			Please tick which activities or excursions you give permission for your child to attend
Please note, the * prices are ½ price. We will cover ½ the cost of the G&T students participating in these events. Any student who get selected to attend or participate in the higher levels of these competitions will have the cost of attending covered by the Science / Tech department.			
Event	Date and times	Cost	
<i>Big Science Competition</i>	17th May (Wed wk 4, Term 2)	\$3.50*	
<i>ICAS Digital Technologies Competition</i>	23rd May (Tues wk 5, Term 2)	\$4.50*	
<i>ICAS Science Competition</i>	30th May (Tues wk 6, Term 2)	\$4.50*	
<i>Science Olympiads</i>	2 nd – 9 th August (Term 2)	\$10	
<i>Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO)</i>	31st August	\$20	
<i>ANU Taster Day</i> * Year 8 & 9 G&T only	15 th May (Friday – Week 3, Term 2)	\$10	
<i>Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) visit</i>	22nd August (Tues – Week 6, Term 3)	\$15	
<i>ANU – Visit and tour 2</i> * Year 8 & 9 G&T only	3 rd November (Fri – Week 4, Term 4)	\$10	

Events by invitation only			Please tick which activities or excursions your child would like to register their interest in
<p><i>Students who are interested in these activities will need to register their interest on this form.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Griffiths will see them to arrange a separate permission note for the event.</i></p>			
Event	Date and times	Cost	
<i>Robocup</i> *Any student may join	August – dates TBC closer to the event	Free	
<i>Teen Chef Competition</i> * Year 9 & 10 Hospitality students only (by invitation only)	Aug/Sept (dates TBC closer to the event)	Free	
eSports competitions (Dota 2, Overwatch, CSGO and LOL) Competitions @ The Barracks, Civic	Ongoing (after school)	TBC	

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EXCURSION MEDICAL INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

This form is intended to be used to assist the school in the case of any medical treatment required or medical emergency involving a student on a category C & D excursion, overseas excursion, sports and all outdoor adventure activities.

A copy of each student's form must be taken on the excursion.

The department collects the information contained in this form to provide or arrange first aid and other medical treatments for students. The information collected will be held at your child's school and will be made available to staff of the school and to medical or paramedical staff in the case of an accident or emergency. The information contained in the form is personal information and it will be stored, used and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1998(Cwth). Parents/carers note that in the absence of an Emergency Treatment Plan only standard First Aid should be administered.

Student's Name: Date of Birth: Sex: o M o F
School:..... School Year:..... Camp/Excursion:
Parent/Carer:
Address:
Contact Telephone Nos - Business Hours:..... After Hours:..... Mobile:.....
Other Contact for Emergency: Telephone No:
Name of Student's Doctor: Telephone No:
Medicare No: Private Health Fund: Membership Number:.....
Ambulance Fund:..... NOTE: Parents are responsible for ambulance costs outside the ACT
Date of last tetanus injection: _____

Please tick if your child suffers any of the following:

- o allergies o blood pressure o epilepsy o hayfever o nose bleeds
o anaphylaxis o diabetes o fainting o headaches o reaction to drugs
o asthma o eczema o fits or blackouts o heart condition o sight/hearing problems
o other - o sun screen sensitivity

Describe what happens for any of the conditions ticked above _____

If you have ticked any of the boxes above, does your child require specific first aid treatment (that is, specific instructions provided by your child's doctor) in addition to standard first aid treatment? Yes o No o

If Yes, (and for anaphylaxis*, asthma*, diabetes* or epilepsy* conditions) a General First Aid Plan is to be completed and provided to the school along with specific instructions provided by the doctor. This form is available from the school. NB. Without an Emergency Treatment Plan the school can only provide first aid treatment.

Has the student suffered from any acute illness or injury or been treated by a medical practitioner for an illness or injury during the last 4 weeks? Yes o No o

If YES, please state nature of illness/injury and obtain a report from the doctor that the student is fit to undertake the camp/excursion _____

Is the student presently taking any medication? Yes No

If YES, please state name of medication, dosage, etc: _____

The teacher in charge must be informed about the management of any medication prior to leaving on an excursion. Arrangements need to be agreed on the transport, storage and administration of medication. In all cases medication must be labelled with the student's name, dosage and frequency of administration.

I consent to my child receiving paracetamol for temporary pain relief Yes No

Are you aware of any physical or psychological limitations of your child? Yes No

Please give details. _____

Is there any other information which you believe may help us to provide the best possible care? _____

Consent to medical attention. In the case of my child requiring medical treatment or in the case of a medical emergency, I consent to the school providing first aid or treatment as outlined in an emergency treatment plan and I further authorise the school, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to arrange for him/her to receive such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I also undertake to pay any costs which may be incurred for the medical treatment, ambulance transport and drugs.

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Signed: _____ *Parent/Carer* *Date:* _____

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