

Excursion day information for visiting class-helpers

Dear Adult Helpers,

Thank you for offering to accompany us on our excursion to Pullenvale Environmental Education Centre (PEEC). Please ensure that you have completed the mandatory induction required of all Department of Education volunteers prior to the excursion day (valid for 12 months from date of completion), and bring your 'declaration' with you for the class teacher to sight on the morning of the excursion. The induction document (MAST Key messages guide), including declaration template (p.17) can be found [here.](#)

PEEC's highly trained teachers will be leading a carefully planned and rehearsed inquiry journey designed to engage students in deep reflective learning. The PEEC teachers will also use a wide range of story and teaching strategies on the day. Sometimes they may even act as if they don't know what's happening. Don't be surprised by this because it's a deliberate strategy to encourage curiosity and help students to take control of their own learning.

Your role on the excursion day is to work alongside the students supporting the various instructions given by the PEEC teachers. Please assist the students to stay focused and involved by modelling listening, attentiveness, engagement and curiosity yourself. On the day, you will be asked to help students stay safe and sensible, while sharing their enthusiasm and enjoying the excitement of the experience. Cameras, phones and devices may be used in accordance with the school's policy to record active learning and engagement where permission has been given. There may be special guidelines on the excursion day.

Please wear suitable clothing (long pants and shirt recommended), footwear, a hat, repellent and sunscreen, and bring a packed lunch and water bottle. I will also provide you with a program-specific name tag that we ask you to wear throughout the day.

Please be aware that mobile phones need to be turned to silent and that like all Department of Education facilities, PEEC has a NO SMOKING policy. Also be aware that younger siblings are not permitted on the excursion. In the interests of wellbeing please inform me of any medical concerns that I should know about.

Thank you once again. We are looking forward to a wonderful Story Adventure.