

Pre-excursion information for Parents and Carers

*If students are to live sustainably in the world then making an emotional
reconnection with nature is a powerful place to begin.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is soon to travel to Pullenvale Environment Education Centre (PEEC) to be part of a PEEC Storythread excursion called

Storythread is a '**pedagogy of place**' developed over 40 years by the PEEC teaching team, who are highly trained in pedagogical use of story, drama, play, attentiveness and deep reflection to connect students to themselves, others and natural places.

In preparation for their PEEC visit, the class has been taking on a real-life role (e.g. Nature Detective, Wildlife Investigator) and engaging with a literary narrative written for the program. During the class' visit, PEEC teachers will work with the students to 'bring the story to life', as context for nature-based exploration, observation and investigation activities. Tasks completed in preparation for, during and to extend on (after) the excursion day connect to Science, English, HASS and/or HPE curriculum work, as well as the General Capabilities of Critical and creative thinking, Personal and social capability, Ethical Understanding and Literacy, and the Cross Curriculum Priority of Sustainability.

More information on each of the PEEC programs can be found [here](#).

The details of the excursion day are as follows:

Date:

Time of Departure:

Time of Return:

Transport Details:

Cost:

Your child will need:

- Closed in walking shoes
- Hat
- Suitable outdoor clothes – **long pants and shirt are strongly recommended. Please consider weather appropriate options** (e.g. light / breathable material and / or bringing a change of cooler clothing for post bush-walk sessions in summer). NB Clothes may get grubby.
- Weather appropriate clothing e.g. jumper or raincoat (no umbrellas please)
- Sunscreen and insect repellent applied at home (the centre cannot provide these for students – please pack some for reapplication during the day)
- Lunch and second-break snack; plus fruit-break / healthy hand-snack (try an environmentally friendly lunch – reusable containers and biodegradable wrappings)
- A water bottle
- Consider motion sickness prevention if needed for bus rides
- Consider packing sensory tools if your student utilises these in the classroom (e.g. headphones for noise mitigation; soft toy; fidget tools)

Please ensure that you have coordinated any medication needs or health issues that require specialised management with your class teacher prior to excursion day.

We are looking forward to having your child and their class visit us soon!