



Junior School Parent Information Outdoor Education 2016

	Group 1 Rooms 1, 6 & 26	Group 2 Rooms 2, 3, 8 & 9	Group 3 Rooms 4, 7 & 25
Wednesday 7 December	Arrowtown Chinese Village/Gold panning	Tuckers Beach Rafting	Gorge Road Swamp Edith Cavell
Thursday 8 December	Gorge Road Swamp Edith Cavell	Arrowtown Chinese Village/Gold panning	Tuckers Beach Rafting
Friday 9 December	Tuckers Beach Rafting	Gorge Road Swamp Edith Cavell	Arrowtown/Chinese Village/Gold panning

EOTC General Information

Our Outdoor Education Programme is an integral part of our student's education at QPS. This year, students will be involved in a range of activities that will take them into our **alpine environment**.

It is extremely important that they are well prepared with the correct gear. Even if the sun is shining the temperature can still be **very cold**.

Students will need:

- Good walking shoes
- Windproof and showerproof jacket (no ski jackets or puffers)
- Warm fleece
- Poly pro or merino long johns (Long johns are a lightweight warm option if the weather turns cold during the day. We don't expect students to wear them if the day is hot but it is essential they have a pair in their bag)
- High visibility vest (available from the office)
- Sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle
- Medication (if required)
- Additional equipment as listed on their activity sheet

***QPS has a selection of these items available to borrow if required.
Please contact your classroom teacher.***

Parent Information Evening

There will be an information evening held on **Wednesday 9 November** in the staffroom at 6pm. It is strongly recommended that all parent helpers, new parents or parents wishing to know more about our Outdoor Education Programme attend this meeting. We encourage you to come along.

To ensure the smooth operation of our programme please note:

- **We cannot get messages to students during Outdoor Ed. Please ensure your child knows what they are doing after school each day.**
- Please ensure the school office have up-to-date contact numbers and medical information.
- If you have offered to parent help we expect you to be there. As part of our Risk Assessment Management all activities are based on adult/child ratios.
- All parent helpers must be available daily for activity induction and briefing.
- **It is imperative students arrive at school by 8.45am.**
All students are to report to their classroom for roll call.
It is important to be on time.
- Please advise **absences prior to 8.30am including the class** your child is in.
- Please check days, times and equipment carefully so that students are prepared for activities. All information can be found on our website.
- Any cancellation of a FULL day due to adverse weather conditions will be advised via our text messaging service and our website. In the event of cancellation it will be school as normal.
- All updates will be found on our website.
- **There will be no lunch orders during the week 5 - 9 December 2016**
- To alleviate congestion the bottom field will be open for carparking

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Group 2 Rooms 4, 7 and 25

ARROWTOWN EXCURSION

DAILY SCHEDULE:

8.45am	Students report to their own classroom.
9.00am	Meet and greet; roll call, gear and medication check.
9.15am	Parent briefing and student briefing; Toilet.
9.30am	Students assigned to parents.
9.40am	Depart on bus
10.00am	Arrive Remarkables Vets on the way to Arrowtown. Students sit down on grassy area just behind surgery. Teachers read farm animal stories to the students whilst students eat morning tea.
10.20am	Students feed the animals.
11.00am	Roll call and back on bus to Arrowtown.
11.15am	Assemble at the Skate Park: Leave bags here. Sort into two groups for activities.
11.30	Group 1: Chinese Village Tour Group 2: Gold Panning
12.30pm	Both groups lunch at the Skate Park. Wash hands in river. Roll Call.
1.00pm	Group 1: Gold Panning Group 2: Chinese Village.
2.00pm	Reconvene at skate park to collect bags.
2.15pm	Check roll, bus back to school, return to class.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST: (Please tick)

	Day Pack		Sunscreen and sunhat
	Morning tea and Lunch		Drink bottle of water
	Change of clothes		Medication if required
	Insect Repellent		Appropriate clothing for the activity
	Waterproof Jacket		Walking shoes
	High visibility vest		Carrot or apple as extra food for the animals (optional)
	Gumboots (optional for Gold Panning)		Polypro long johns

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Gorge Swamp Walk and Morningstar Walk

OUTLINE:

- 9.00 am Roll call in classrooms, gear and medication check.
9.30am Lined up and onto buses.
Parent briefing to happen in Room 26 when buses being boarded.
9.40am Parents assemble at Gorge Road layby.
Children depart in groups with allocated adult.
Front leader to decide on the route according to wind and weather.
10.15am Team games at the layby - Octopus, Candlestick, Cat and Mouse, Duck Duck Goose
Morning tea. Inside fence by layby.
10.40 am Roll call
Board the bus to Morningstar Reserve at Shotover car park.
Walk for easy 20 minutes to the lunch-spot.
11.10 Scavenger hunt.
12.45 pm Sit and eat lunch and roll call.
1.00pm Play time, make sandcastles, make sculptures, find things that live.
1.45 pm Pack up and walk back to bus.
2.10 pm Roll call
2.15 pm Board buses
2.30 pm Return to school.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST: (Please tick)

Day Pack	Sunscreen
Morning tea and Lunch	Drink bottle of water
Change of clothes	Sunhat
Insect Repellent	Appropriate clothing for the activity
Waterproof Jacket	Walking shoes
High visibility vest	Polypro long johns
Warm Woollen Jersey	Medication if required

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Group 1 Rooms 1, 6 and 26

RAFTING EXCURSION

DAILY OUTLINE:

- 9.00 am Roll call, gear and medication check and parent briefing.
Students are to arrive at school wearing their togs underneath their clothing
- 9.15 am Students and adults depart school by bus for Tuckers Beach.
- 9.45 am **Group 1**
Put on wetsuit if they have one and warm clothing over their togs. Leave all gear at the put-in point.
Briefing by Raft Guides, life jacket check, raft groups assigned
- 10.00 am Rafts depart
- 11.00 am Rafts arrive at Lower Shotover Bridge
- Change into dry clothing
 - Headcount. Board bus back to Tuckers Beach.
 - Bus back to Tuckers Beach, change into dry clothes.
 - Morning Tea
 - Activities, roll call.
- 9.45 am **Group 2**
Activities at Tuckers Beach
- 10.45 am Morning Tea
- 11.00 am Put on wetsuit if they have one and warm clothing over their togs.
Leave all gear at the put-in point.
Briefing by Raft Guides, life jacket check, raft groups assigned
- 11.20 am Rafts Depart
- 12.20 pm Arrive Lower Shotover Bridge
- Change into dry clothing
 - Headcount. Board bus back to Tuckers Beach.
 - Bus back to Tuckers Beach.
 - Activities, roll call.
- Both Groups:**
- 12.30pm Lunch on beach
- 1.30 pm Roll call and depart for School

THERE IS NO WHITE WATER. THIS IS A 'FLOAT TRIP' that takes approximately 1 hour.
If river conditions are unsuitable the groups will have school based activities including a swim in the school pool. The decision on river conditions will not be made until around 9.00 am.

Equipment List:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Back pack to carry dry clothes and lunch▪ Walking footwear (not jandals)▪ Togs and towel, sunscreen, insect repellent and sun hat, and woolly hat▪ Warm top and rain/windproof jacket to wear on the raft (ESSENTIAL, it can be cold on the raft)▪ Plastic bag for wet gear▪ Morning tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lunch▪ Drink bottle of water▪ Life jacket if you have one otherwise will be supplied.▪ Wet suit if available (not essential)▪ No cotton at all▪ Polypro or fleece top and long johns or woollen gear.▪ Spare pair of old sneakers/shoes to wear during raft trip
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