



**Middle School
Parent Information
Outdoor Education
2016**

Wednesday 7 December

Queenstown Gardens and Birdlife Park

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

2016 Outdoor Education

Activity Name:	Queenstown Gardens/ Birdlife Day Middle School Team day	
Year Level or house	Year 3/4	
Days:	1 day	
Dates:	Wednesday 7 December	

Outline

- 8.55am All students report to classroom for roll call
- 9.00 am Parent briefing in Room 15
Students - gear and medical checks
- 9.10 am (Group 1) Room 14,15 and 24 meet outside Room 14 to walk to the Queenstown Gardens.
(Group 2) Room 12,13 and 15 meet outside Room 12 for Birdlife Activities

9.20 - Group 1 - Walk to Queenstown Gardens for Orienteering group activities 11.20 - meet for sharing and reflection, roll call 11.30 - return to school	9.20 - Group 2 - Kiwi Birdlife and school based bird activities 11.00 - watch Birdlife Park Show, roll call 11.50 - return to school
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- 12.00 pm All groups meet for lunch at school, roll call.

12.40 - Group 1 - Kiwi Birdlife and school based bird activities 1.30 - view Birdlife Park Show, roll call. 2.40 - return to school	12.40 - Group 2 - walk to Queenstown Gardens for Orienteering group activities. 2.15 - meet for sharing and reflection, roll call. 2.25 - return to school
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- 2.50pm All groups meet outside Room 12 and 13

Equipment List:

Small day pack	Medication in a named bag
Warm Fleece	High Visibility Vest
Waterproof jacket	Sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent
Suitable sturdy walking shoes	Packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle