

## How the Day Works

- All equipment is supplied
- We provide a master copy of worksheets to be run off by schools
- Students with disabilities are catered for (where possible)
- Assessment task & extra information supplied for Stage 6 excursions
- Risk assessments supplied
- After the excursion, we provide a DVD of extra information and some printed photos of the day
- Large groups of up to 180 can be catered for

## Techniques and equipment used by students on excursion include

- Personal observation and profile pictures
- Use of landsat images, topographic maps, aerial photos & orthophoto maps
- Equipment used includes stereoscopes, sand sieves, soil moisture meters, soil depth spikes, soil & water pH kits, dissolved oxygen kits, conductivity meters, salinity refractometers, turbidity tubes, phosphate kits, thermometers, dichotomous keys, laser rangefinders, sound meters, light meters, clinometers & compasses
- Group & individual activities

## We work closely to the syllabus

- Year 7-12 Geography syllabus
- Tailored IB ESS excursions

## Overnight Excursions

Overnight 'Ecosystems at Risk' excursions allows us to visit a different ecosystem on each day; freshwater and coasts from Camp Kedron or wetland and rainforest from Mt Keira. Students sleep at the site so we can go out at night to spot animals.

Prices depend on number of students, meal plans etc.

## New Australian Curriculum Excursions

The following excursions have been written for implementation in 2017/2018:

- Landscapes and Landforms
- Place and Liveability
- Sustainable Biomes
- Environmental Change and Management
- Changing Places

## Prices for 2018

- Sydney excursions \$31 per student
- Camp Coultts and Mt Keira excursions, and Urban excursions (which incl. ferry ride) \$33 per student
- There is a minimum charge of \$450 per excursion for small groups. Schools may request to share an excursion with another school to reduce costs (if possible).
- A 10% GST surcharge applies to all excursions
- A 25% holding deposit is required within two weeks of booking

**Schools will be charged for the number of students booked unless notified 1 week prior to excursion date.**

We plan for a maximum ratio of 30 students to one staff member. If you would prefer a small class size, we can try to provide an additional Auseco staff member for \$350 +GST.

## Please note

Excursion dates will be held for two weeks without a deposit. Deposits are non-refundable if excursions are cancelled within four weeks of the excursion date. In case of bad weather, an excursion can be postponed on the day.

### To book and for further information:

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## Geography Field Studies

### 2018

# Geography Excursions

Excursion	Level	Excursion Synopsis	Location	
<u>Landscapes and Landforms</u>	YR 7- 8 Stage 4	Investigation of natural landforms, its geological and human history. Comparison of physical characteristics of two landscapes using a variety of field equipment. Use of maps and aerial photos to examine land uses, urbanisation & impacts, and discussion of their management. Observe evidence of geomorphic hazards at Long Reef and Mt Keira.	RIVER VALLEYS  COASTS ESCARPMENT	Bantry Bay Camp Coutts Camp Kedron Manly Dam 'Seven Little Australians' Park* *small groups only Long Reef Mt Keira
<u>Place and Liveability</u>	YR 7- 8 Stage 4	Examination of factors which determine the liveability of Millers Point, Milsons Point and Lavender Bay using first hand physical testing of sites and observation.	MILLERS POINT ► LAVENDER BAY	
<u>Environmental Change and Management: Coasts</u>	YR 9 -10 Stage 5	Study of coastal land uses, sand dune profile, dune vegetation and elements shaping the coastline. Examination of human impacts & management strategies.	COASTAL	Cronulla Long Reef ► Collaroy
<u>Environmental Change and Management: Land &amp; Water</u>	YR 9 -10 Stage 5	Water pollution study, testing & comparing two creeks and discussing management options. Examination of changes in land use, hazard reduction burn & bushfire affected areas in the surrounding catchment.	BUSHLAND	Bantry Bay Camp Coutts Camp Kedron
<u>Changing Places</u>	YR 9 -10 Stage 5	Examine social & economic changes in Sydney & their impact on expansion, urban decline & renewal, spatial inequality, & land use. A ferry ride around the harbour is included on the day.	PYRMONT & BARANGAROO	
<u>Sustainable Biomes</u>	YR 9 -10 Stage 5	Investigation of mangroves and seagrass as two productive biomes. First hand testing of abiotic factors characterising the biomes and animal catch to identify the aquatic biodiversity of the two biomes. Discussion of the economic use of these biomes for aquaculture, with a focus on oyster farming.	WETLANDS	Botany Bay
<u>Biophysical Interactions</u>	YR 11 Stage 6	Examine the biophysical environment & identify human impacts on the hydrosphere, lithosphere & biosphere at a local level. Use an array of maps & field equipment to expand geological knowledge & techniques.	BUSHLAND  COASTS  WETLANDS	Bantry Bay Manly Dam Long Reef Cronulla Botany Bay
<u>Ecosystems at Risk</u>	YR 12 Stage 6	Study key features of the ecosystem, including landforms & vegetation. Identify human impacts, discuss management options and long-term consequences. Aerial photos, maps and field equipment allow students a hands-on experience to cement classroom teachings.	BUSHLAND COASTS  WETLAND RAINFORESTS	Bantry Bay Cronulla Long Reef Botany Bay Mt Keira
<u>International Baccalaureate</u>	YR11-12 Stage 6	An IB orientated, student led study of the Long Reef Lagoon and Coast.	COASTS	Long Reef
<u>Senior Urban Study</u>	YR 12 Stage 6	Examination of issues arising from increasing population, including social, environmental & economic changes. Study the dynamics of change, urban renewal & decay. Observe the culture of place & learn about the nature of growth. A ferry ride around the harbour is included in the day upon request.	PYRMONT	Pyrmont ► Barangaroo