



Daradgee Environmental Education Centre  
"Live for the Future"

# What to expect as a volunteer Accompanying Adult

## Participation & Responsibilities

Parents and guardians are an essential part of school camps. This information may assist you in making the most of your Daradgee experience.

### Educational Aims

School camps are lots of fun and can be an incredible experience. Central to all Daradgee camp programs is the delivery of curriculum-based Environmental Education. All experiences are focused on the outdoors and the environment and are linked to the Australian Curriculum.



### Communication

Before camp, communicate with your child's teacher to let them know of any special qualifications, skills or knowledge you have to add to the camp experience. Become informed about the program and establish what your responsibilities will be. If at any time you are unsure about something please ask your child's teacher or DEEC staff.

### When to step forward, when to step back?

Many challenges at Daradgee involve students in problem solving activities undertaking new experiences and developing responsibility. These challenges provide opportunities for students to build on essential strategies for life. Allow them to develop solutions for themselves, support them with positive encouragement and guide them in their development.



## Top Rope Climbing or Faulty Towers

If your camp has climbing on the program you may be expected to participate with belay duties. This roll will require you to complete some training which includes:

1. Reading our Top Roping Climbing Handbook.
2. Participating in a practical workshop.
3. Being 'belay' for the students as they climb.



### Considerations:

- Belaying requires an extended period of physical activity.
- You will be required to self-assess your physical ability to participate.
- DEEC staff will determine competency.

Please direct any concerns to a Daradgee staff member.



## Helping out with meals & other jobs

While Daradgee employs a camp cook to manage your meals, they do require help before, during and after meals. Camp meal costs are calculated with volunteer assistance in the kitchen factored in. Please make yourself available to support our cook in providing quality healthy food for all camp participants.



Other jobs which parents may assist with:

- Unloading and packing away equipment
- Supporting students and supervising groups
- Activities and challenges
- General camp duties, first aid etc.



## Departmental Policy

Daradgee is an Education Queensland (EQ) facility and as such, accompanying parents and carers are required to observe and comply with the QG Code of Conduct. The consumption of alcohol and



smoking is not permitted on EQ grounds.



When working with students, parents must take care to avoid potentially compromising situations ie. supervising 1 or 2 students alone or in isolation, photographing students, sharing images and disclosure of confidential information. Registered teachers are responsible for the overall supervision and behaviour management of participating students, and you are expected to support them in this role.

If you have any concerns report them too your school staff or DEEC staff.

## Joining in with Learning Experiences - Accompanying Adult Requirements

Volunteering to participate in school camps at Daradgee can be a rewarding experience for everyone. You can share knowledge and expertise as well as make new discoveries in Environmental Education.

When teachers decide upon the Accompanying Adults they require for camp, a number of factors are considered:

- Adults who volunteer in school activities on a regular basis are already somewhat known to students.
- Qualifications - some adults are chosen due to the fact that they have relevant qualifications eg. medical or trade experiences or community service.
- It is important that you are aware that staying overnight and being involved in activities all day is physically demanding.



Here for all children

Camp is a great experience to have with your own child.  
Remember though, that you are on camp to support all children in the group.



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