

BOATING PERMISSION LETTER

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The following information details the activities your child is participating in on the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre (DEEC) boat, the Daraji Sunbird or at selected venues. Please consult their excursion program.

The vessel - Daraji Sunbird

Surveyed for 23 persons in 1E (smooth water) conditions; Construction is thick aluminium plate, sturdy, stable sides and rails to 1m height, bus style seating, full length canopy, fully safety equipped including lifejackets. Qualified DEEC staff will captain the vessel and conduct programs. All crew have appropriate boating experience and current first aid.

Risk Management

Curriculum Activity Risk Assessments have been developed for activities listed in your child's camp program.

Medium - Power Boating in Large Craft - Boating only

High - Handling Marine Organisms - handling fish, crustaceans etc.

Life Jackets

As per Department of Transport and Main Roads QLD and Department of Education requirements and DEEC risk management, it is not a requirement for students to wear life jackets continuously on this boat. If you do wish for your child to wear a life jacket it will be provided on your written request. Please see below.

Please Note: To ensure correct size lifejackets are carried on the boat for each excursion, we need to know the weight of your child. To assist, please provide your child's weight.

Program Delivery

All programs are being conducted either on board the Daraji Sunbird or on land at locations along the North Johnstone and Johnstone Rivers from the Bruce Highway/North Johnstone Bridge to the mouth of the river. Students board and/or disembark at the Port Innisfail Wharf and with prior organisation on river sites such as The Coconuts, Coquette and Flying Fish Point. These provide functional access and staff ensure groups are well monitored and supervised.

Programmed activities include a focus on safety for land and boat based activities. These activities are conducted on the aquatic/estuarine habitats and may involve observation, surveying, recreational fishing and bait gathering using handlines, fish traps and yabby pumps etc.

Some of these activities may take place at local beaches, rock pools, tidal flats or mangroves. All activities will be appropriately managed, supervised and conducted according to environmental considerations i.e. tidal/weather conditions. Students will not swim in the river system.

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I understand the activities being undertaken by the DEEC and give permission for _____
to participate in this excursion. (Student Name)

Lifejackets are sized by the weight of the child. My child's weight is kgs.

If you require your child to wear a Life Jacket, please forward a letter to your school detailing your child's weight and any other considerations.

Students with a medical condition that may impact on their safety during participation in this activity must be cleared by a medical practitioner to participate in the activity.

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____