

Staughton Vale Campus 2023 Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child will be involved in the Staughton Vale Middle School Program at the Staughton Vale Campus in 2023. It is a unique outdoor learning environment that provides the opportunity for students to engage in hands on activities that are challenging, expand their knowledge of food sustainability/security, and connect them with the natural environment. Students will be immersed in rich learning experiences that support and enhance the curriculum taught in Year 6.

Staughton Vale Campus

The Staughton Vale Campus is situated at 155 Staughton Vale Road, Staughton Vale on the fringe of the Brisbane Ranges National Park near Anakie and consists of over 200 acres of fertile pastures, orchards, dams and natural forest.

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Year 6 students will travel to the campus 3 times over the course of the year. The second experience will focus on applying maths skills to solve everyday questions that would come up at the farm. Students will participate in activities with their maths teacher, expanding their knowledge of measurement, calculation of area and volume, percentages, fractions and costing. Activities will include working in small groups to,

- Plan the development of a new section of the vegetable garden work out how many raised garden beds can fit in the space and quantity of materials required for 'no dig' beds, and
- Assess the effectiveness of different levels of protection at the revegetation site planted in 2022 – compare survival rates across 3 plots with different protection methods and determine what level of protection delivers the best outcomes such as, best value for money and best survival rate.

Date: Wednesday 17 May 6A (Cameron McGregor) 6C (Shane Stephenson) 6B (Wesley McLaughlin)6D (Brendan McLoughlin)

<u>Transport</u>: Students will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00am by bus and return in the afternoon for normal dismissal at 3.20pm.

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Uniform and Equipment:

Students will be required to wear <u>PE uniform</u> with either runners or hiking boots (if they have them). The following equipment is required for day trip to Staughton Vale.

- BMG Waterproof jacket
- BMG Sports Jumper and tracksuit pants
- Sunscreen and hat
- Full water bottle
- Morning tea and packed lunch (preferably packaging free to help reduce waste to landfill)
- Pencil case, workbook and clipboard

Please complete the consent form no later than Wednesday 10 May 2023.

Yours sincerely,

David Gorton Director of Student Engagement/Head of Staughton Vale Scott Bayne Head of Middle School



Year 6 Staughton Vale Program 2023

I hereby give permission for my child ______ of Year _____ to attend the activities at Staughton Vale, to be transported via bus and participate in the planned activities.

□ In the event of illness or accident, and where it is impractical to communicate with me, I authorise my child's receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

Parent/Guardian Name:		
Signature:	Date:	_

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