



Bacchus Marsh
Grammar

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, 155 Staughton Vale Road, is situated 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.

Program

Year 6 students will travel to the campus 3 times over the course of the year. The first experience will focus on developing field skills in Biology. Students will participate in 3 activities in small groups with their science teacher. They will:

- Learn techniques for collecting leaf litter bugs, identify them and key features that help them survive in the environment,
- Collect leaves from around the property, identify different features and make a dichotomous key (classification tool), and
- Learn about the sensitivity and dependence of native seeds on fire for germination, generate leaf litter ash and investigate its impact on the germination of a native seed.

Date

Wednesday 8 March - 6A (Fiona Davidson), **6B** (Nupur Narang), **6C** (Galder Gabiola Castro), **6D** (Sarah Thomson)

Transport

Students will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00am by bus and return in the afternoon for normal dismissal at 3.20pm.

Uniform and Equipment

Students will be required to wear **PE uniform** with either runners or hiking boots (if they have them). The following equipment is required for a 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



All students attending are required to have their Student ID card for logging on/off the bus

It is recommended that all students 8 years and over wear a fitted face mask whilst travelling on public transport (this includes to and from school, excursions, and camps) unless they have a medical exemption

Please complete the consent form no later than **Wednesday 1 March 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

David Gorton
Director of Student Engagement
Head of Staughton Vale

Scott Bayne
Head of Middle School

Kevin Richardson
Senior Deputy Principal



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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