

Information for Visiting Staff- Hero's Journey

Thank you for accepting your role as a visiting staff member for the upcoming Hero's Journey camp at the Tallebudgera Beach School. Our organisation prides itself on having an impeccable record of providing outstanding Outdoor Education programs for all students in a safe and enjoyable environment.

The 'Hero's Journey' is designed to incorporate many of the traditional activities whilst allowing for a clearer connection to the Australian Curriculum. It should not be perceived as an isolated event rather incorporated within the classroom's curriculum to provide meaningful and extended learning. Your support of the program is a major factor in ensuring the success of the camp experience.

About The Hero's Journey

The Hero's Journey is a story of individual transformation, a change of identity or the realisation of one's full potential. Students will leave behind their familiar surroundings and journey to an exciting 'new world' where there are risks, challenges and new problems to be solved. To successfully resolve the problems, participants must venture outside their normal ways of thinking and start to reinvent themselves. These experiences contribute to personal development and the formulation of one's identity. The Hero's Journey is also designed to help students see the cyclical nature of life's up's and down's.

Details of the Hero's journey program at Tallebudgera Beach School are below. Please note variations will apply if your school elects to have a Theme Park visit or if you have a 4 day/3 night camp. Your camp organiser will contact you to advise of program modifications.

What	When	Details
Pre-visit	Approx. 2 weeks prior to camp	School Visit- TBS staff will establish an appropriate time to visit your school. In a 1-1.5 hour session the students will be issued with their journals and introduced to the concept of the Hero's Journey to prepare them for camp. TBS staff will also meet with visiting teachers to discuss details of the camp.
Arrival, Induction Connection to place	Monday	Cabin allocation and induction orientation of site. Burleigh mountain 'connection to place' walk with the focus on links to indigenous journey's to the area, rites of passage, Yugambah artefacts and stories.
Warriors day	Tue, Wed & Thurs	Bodyboarding, Tobogganing, High ropes course at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS). (This will include a bus trip to and from CWS)
Fleay's Day	Tue, Wed & Thurs	Canoe trip 2.5 km along Tallebudgera Ck. 2.5 km walk in the conservation area. Entry to Fleay's including Ranger presentations/shows
Challenge Day	Tue, Wed & Thurs	Group challenges/ problem solving activities. Includes wet activities in the Tallebudgera Creek.
Celebration	Friday	Beach surf swim including group debriefing.

Please be aware that the Hero's Journey is a challenging experience for both students and teachers alike. All visiting teachers will need to be confident in their capacity to physically manage all aspects of the camp week. Please refer to the camp program to ensure that you are able to support the students in all activities. Please direct any concerns to your camp co-ordinator.



ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at TBS you will attend a camp induction session with your students. You will also be issued with a Camp Induction Booklet.

NIGHT PROGRAM

Beach School staff will deliver programs with the support of visiting teachers for the first 2 nights of camp. Visiting staff will be responsible for supervision on the remaining nights.

MEAL DUTIES

Visiting staff will be required to supervise mealtime procedures, please contact your Camp Coordinator to indicate your preference for meal time duties.

MEDICATION

A teacher from each activity group will be responsible for collecting, collating, administering and returning all medication for students from your school.

Visiting Teacher Requirements at Camp

Very Important- Must Have			
Back Pack		Sandshoes (closed in)	
Water Bottle		Thongs and/or sandals	
Sunscreen 30+		Student Journals	
Raincoat		Wet shoes for water based activities	
Hat (wide brimmed)- <i>'No hat no play policy'</i>		(crocs as wet shoes are unsuitable)	
CLOTHING	√	BEDDING	√
Shorts		2 Sheets	
T-Shirts (no sleeveless tops)		Pillow	
Socks		Blanket/Sleeping Bag	
Underwear / Bike Pants or Skins for chaffing		*No sleeping bags without sheets	
Swimwear (optional - swimming goggles)		TOILETRIES	√
Warm Jumper/ Jacket			
Pyjamas			
Neat casual clothes for evening activities		Toothbrush/Toothpaste	
MISCELLANEOUS	√	Soap/ Shampoo/ Lip Balm	
		Brush/Comb	
		2 Towels / Washer	
Plastic bags for wet gear		Deodorant (*Strictly no aerosols)	
School Identification Badge		*These can trigger smoke detectors linked to local fire services. If this occurs you will be liable for costs incurred.	
Digital camera (optional)			
Waterproof Watch (not necessary but useful)			

We look forward to sharing the 'Hero's Journey Experience' with yourself and your students.

Yours sincerely,
TBS staff

