

Gumdale State School Cairns Camp 13-17 September 2027



Purpose of Camp

- The Cairns camp will provide students with authentic learning experiences linked to the Year 6 Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) curriculum.
- Students will explore the natural, cultural and economic significance of the Cairns region, including the Great Barrier Reef, Indigenous cultures and the tourism industry.
- Through these experiences, students will develop an understanding of how tourism affects people, places and the environment, while learning the importance of making informed decisions about resources and environmental sustainability.

Transport arrangements

AIR – Virgin Airlines

- Monday 13 September
Depart Brisbane (time TBA)
Arrive Cairns
- Friday 17 September
Depart Cairns (time TBA)
Arrive Brisbane

By Coach

- Standard coach seating
- Equipped with seat belts and air conditioning



Accommodation

- Multi share rooms
- Food supplied
- Linen supplied
- Central to all activities
- BYO beach towel



Accompanying teachers

- Gumdale SS staff will be attending
- On duty **24 hours a day for the duration of trip**
- Each staff member will have a designated minor group



Sample Itinerary – Venues and final itinerary to be confirmed closer to date of departure

DAY 1

Cairns Esplanade Lagoon



DAY 2

Kuranda Day tour including:

- Kuranda Scenic Railway
- Australian Butterfly Sanctuary
- Rainforestation Nature Park - All Australian Experience





Day 3

Marine World Pontoon (Outer Reef) day tour including:

- Reef Education Presentation
- Marine Biologist Guide and Indigenous Reef Education Ranger Guide
- Coral Viewing Vessels - Glass Bottom Boat and Semi Submersible
- Guided snorkelling activities
- Educational activities throughout the day



Day 4

Mossman Gorge - Dreamtime Gorge Walk

- Stories of the Kuku Yalanji culture & traditions
- Explore Mossman Gorge
- Walk of the Lower River Track and Baral Marrjanga



Hartley's Crocodile Adventures including:

- Crocodile Attack show
- Boat cruise
- Cassowary talk



Day 5

Cairns Aquarium - Habitats Guided Tour



Medical conditions/dietary requirements

- Medical/dietary and consent form sent home next year
- Medical officer will be appointed for each group
- Medical officer will look after medication during trip
- Accommodation will provide meals to suit all dietary requirements



Payment schedule

- Expression of Interest due 9:00am, Monday 24 August.
- **\$200 non-refundable deposit** must be paid by **Monday 19 October** to secure plane seats and activities. There is no paperwork to be completed at this stage.
- Remaining amount of approximately **\$1300** will be due by **21 June 2027**. This amount includes flights, transport, accommodation, entries, all meals, attractions and tours.



Parent contact

- Social media updates during camp
- School phone for emergency contact



Questions

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