



Nearer to Nature

Frequently Asked Questions

Are schools required to provide an adult to student ratio for this excursion?

Yes. The minimum requirement for supervision is:

ONE teacher/adult for every SIX Pre-primary, Year 1 to Year 3 students.

ONE teacher/adult for every FIFTEEN Year 4 to Year 12 students.

Do we need to bring morning tea, lunch, and drink?

Yes. There are no shops at the Centres.

Do the Centres have Emergency Response Plans (ERP)? Can I have a copy of this plan?

Yes. Our ERPs include fire evacuation procedures. You can request a copy when you make a booking.

Do you have Insurance and Liability cover?

Parks and Wildlife Service is insured by RiskCover and therefore complies with all the public liability requirements of the Department of Education's Excursion Policy.

Certificates of Currency can be found online in the [Essential Information for Teachers](#) (half way down linked page).

How much will my excursion cost?

Costs vary depending on the excursion and activity. For details of costs of each excursion, please view the [Excursions page](#). All costs quoted are GST inclusive.

Is there a minimum payment for one group?

Yes. We are a not-for-profit government organisation and will require minimum payment for 20 students. No minimum numbers are applicable to SouthWest excursions.

How do I pay for my school excursion?

You will be invoiced for the number of attending students or the minimum required for the excursion (See Q6). Teachers and accompanying adults are free of charge.

Do Nearer to Nature Officers have Senior First Aid certificates?

Yes. Nearer to Nature Officers are trained in first aid and hold current Senior First Aid Certificates.

Do Nearer to Nature Officers have Working With Children Checks?

Yes. All Nearer to Nature Officers have a current Working With Children Check.

Is our bus required to stay at the Centre during the excursion?

We recommend that your bus stays at our Centres. For some excursions the bus will be required to transport students during the day. We provide details of essential times of arrival and departure in your confirmation letter.

What communication strategies do you have?

Walkie-talkies are carried by Nearer to Nature Officers at Perth Hills Discovery Centre for all activities. Mobile telephones are carried by Nearer to Nature Officers at CREEC, Forest Discovery Centre, Wharncliffe Mill, Wellington Discovery Forest and other regional centres at all times.

What information is required from Teachers on the excursion?

Nearer to Natures and Wildlife Service recommends that the Teacher-in-Charge has a list of participating students, contact telephone numbers. Teachers must provide Nearer to Nature Officers with any relevant student health information on arrival at the Centre.