

YEAR 1 - POWERED BY PLAY
NATURE IMMERSION PROGRAM – BEYOND THE GATES
TERM 3 - 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our focus in the Early Years is to support our students with their education by leveraging play as a lens through which they access many parts of the curriculum. As part of this experience, we are excited to announce that in Term 3 the students in Year 1 will be participating in the Nature Immersion Program – ‘Beyond the Gates’ on 3 different occasions throughout the term. Each class will rotate through the activities for a full day every three weeks. Nature Play Session 2 and Nature Play Session 3 will involve the students walking from MEPS to a local outdoor nature area. The location of these environments will be confirmed early in Term 3. Due to the unpredictable winter weather, we will be basing the program at school with access to Camp Manyung’s ranger, Kim Schroder, as our expert guide and educator. The students will be dropped off at school and picked up during normal school hours for each of the sessions. Please refer to the timetable below. We realise this is short notice, but we have just received confirmation today that the program can go ahead and jumped at the chance for this amazing opportunity for the students!

The topics or focus points for each week include;

Nature Play 1; (weeks 2 – 4) At MEPS - Introduction, connecting to our land and using our senses.

Nature Play 2; (weeks 5 – 7) Beyond the Gates – Local outdoor nature location to be confirmed.

Nature play 3; (weeks 8 – 10) Beyond the Gates – Local outdoor nature location to be confirmed.

Class	Week 2 Tuesday, 19 July	Week 3 Tuesday, 26 July	Week 4 Tuesday, 2 Aug	Week 5 Tuesday, 9 Aug	Week 6 Tuesday, 16 Aug	Week 7 Tuesday, 23 Aug	Week 8 Monday, 29 Aug	Week 9 Tuesday, 6 Sept	Week 10 Tuesday, 13 Sept
1L	Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3		
1A		Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3	
1D			Nature Play 1			Nature Play 2			Nature Play 3

The students will also be sharing their ideas and wonderings in a nature journal during each session and further research will be continued at school.

Students are able to wear free dress when their class is participating. Please note that students will need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. They must wear runners, a broad-brimmed hat and active wear that covers their shoulders (t-shirt or polo shirt). In cold weather, warm clothes are essential and to bring along a jacket that is wind and rain resistant.

The cost is \$70.00 per child and can be paid by filling out the credit card details or deducting it from your excursion levy if you have already prepaid this. Please return the permission form and money by **Wednesday, 13th July, 2022**

No money or forms can be accepted after this date. Apologies again for the short notice. If you have any further questions please contact me or your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you,
 Lisa Grgic

Leading Teacher
 Early Years Leader

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Student Behaviour

'I understand that in the event of my child's misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a danger to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I further understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Student Illness

'I understand that in the event excursion staff determine it is necessary for my child to be sent home early due to illness, any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Cancellations or alterations

'I understand that the Principal may need to cancel or alter excursion arrangements at short notice, for safety reasons or due to circumstances beyond the control of the school, and while the Principal will try to minimise inconvenience or financial losses to parents, these may be unavoidable.'

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover

The Department of Education does not provide student accident insurance or ambulance cover. Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance from a commercial insurer and/or ambulance cover, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

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Please return permission slip with money by **Wednesday, 13th July, 2022**
No late forms or money can be accepted after this date

Parent/Carer consent

I have read all of the information provided by the School in relation to the Year 1 – Nature Immersion Program and I give permission for my child in Grade to participate in the program on the specific dates that are outlined in the timetable on the first page.

I authorise the teacher in charge to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept all operation, blood transfusions and/or anesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

- I have enclosed \$70.00 cash / credit card
- Please deduct \$70.00 from my excursion levy (if choosing this option, please ensure that you have already pre-paid this)

Name and phone no. during the day: ☎

Parent/Carer's signature: Date:

Medical Condition details:
Please tick if your child suffers with the following Medical Conditions:-

- Asthma
- Allergies (please specify)
- Other

Credit Card Payment

Card Account No. Please charge my:

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card
Expiry Date: <input type="text"/>	/ <input type="text"/>	Signature:.....		<input type="checkbox"/> Visa
Name	Telephone No.....			Amount: \$ 70.00