



## Junior Ranger Unit (Bournda National Park)

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During Semester 2, our support classes (FH, FL and FM) will be working collaboratively with Bournda Environmental Education Centre and NSW National Parks staff. Students will learn about national parks and research their local national park to study their local environment, plants and animals. They will study different perspectives around the purpose and management of national parks and how this continues to change over time. Students will critically engage with resources and research to gather information about the different elements of NSW national parks. They will examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources to the environment, animals, plants and people and learn about the different ways that people value the environment. Students will use a range of tools to investigate their local national park and gather data to create a poster to convince their audience to act for the protection and conservation of national parks. They will identify their local national park, reflect on the role national parks play in protecting the environment and reflect on how they can care for national parks. Students will develop an understanding of the diversity of living things, how they affect each other, and the interdependence of living things and the environment. They will examine the importance of natural vegetation and natural resources and learn about the ways people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, value environments.

The aim of the Semester-based trial project, focused on **environmental education**, is for students to make caring for nature part of their lives, as opposed to just studying it. The **junior ranger program** offers children the opportunity to discover the natural and cultural environment through fun and hands-on activities. It is a long-term project-based learning journey, targeting our Support Classes students.

Students will be travelling to and from Bournda National Park by bus on Tuesday, July 20 2021. The bus will depart Merimbula Public School at 9.15am and return by 2.45pm in time for afternoon buses. All children will need to wear **full school uniform and include their school jacket**. Children will need to bring fruit, packed lunch and water bottles for recess and lunch. There will be **no food supplied at the venue**. **Students with Asthma/EpiPen are required to take their medication with them.**

Thank you,

Ms Manda Hensman, Mrs Tina Lawson and Mr Craig Morris

**PERMISSION NOTE: Merimbula Public School Bournda National Park Excursion 2021 (please return to the school office by Friday, July 16 2021)**

Dear Ms Hensman, Mrs Lawson and Mr Morris,

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to Bournda National Park at Bournda on Tuesday, July 20 2021.

Medical needs that teachers need to know about my child:

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*I give permission for my child to be photographed for promotional material regarding the unit of work, such as: web sites, newsletter, Facebook sites, newspaper articles and other promotional materials of our school, Bournda EEC and NSW National Parks. I understand that my child may be filmed/photographed for promotional materials also (including for use in brochures, banners and other materials).*

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_