



DOMINIC COLLEGE

A Catholic School in the Salesian Tradition



NT 2015 – Parent Meeting Sep 10th

Acknowledgement of Land

Prayer

NT Tourism Grant:

- We applied for and received a \$1000 grant towards our trip. This works out to roughly \$20 per person. We are currently looking at different ways to best allocate these funds. Possibilities include: Hiring a Guide at Uluru, having a special dinner during the trip, purchasing small souvenirs, covering costs for any additional activities that arise during the trip.

Important Information:

- Phone Numbers
 - o School Mobile **0431 029 131 (Outdoor Education Phone)**
 - o Email jmackie@dominic.tas.edu.au
- Camp Ground Numbers
 - o Refer **Appendix C** for all relevant phone numbers
- Flights:

JETSTAR JQ710 **DEPARTS HOBART 4.30PM/ARRIVE MELBOURNE 5.45PM**
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- Seating on flights: You will be seated in alphabetical order (check the back of your shirts) and it is LAW that you are seated in the correct seat during takeoff. In the flight from Hobart to Melbourne you will remain in your allocated seat for the duration of the flight. In the flight from Melbourne to Darwin, you may swap seats with someone only after take-off and once the seat belt sign has gone off. It is best to pre arrange this as we do not want 46 students all getting up and moving around the cabin.

Keeping up with the events of the trip:

- Dominic College Outdoor Education Facebook page or at the blog:
<https://centralaus2015withdominiccollege.wordpress.com/>

Final Itinerary:

- The final itinerary has been confirmed. Refer **Appendix B** for all details. Make sure you make yourself familiar with it.
- If you need to make contact with us while we are out of range, it is suggested you phone ahead to the next camp ground and leave a message. We can then contact you at our earliest convenience.

Money:

- This is at your discretion. Too much is not always a good thing!!
- A suggestion would be enough to cover the relevant meals in transit and some for souvenirs.
- Do not carry too much cash with you. A Visa debit card or cash passport is an excellent option. In saying this not everywhere has eftpos, so carrying some money is advised.
- An exact amount..... \$200 - \$300 would more than cover everything.

Meals & Food:

- Not ALL meals are covered on this trip. Students will need to cover their food to and from the NT. That is dinner and supper on the way up, and Lunch and Dinner on the way back.
- Read through the 'typical daily menu' below and if you have any issues with then you must see Mr Mackie ASAP.
- There is an expectation that everyone will contribute to the preparation, cooking and cleaning up of ALL meals. Teamwork makes the dream work.

A TYPICAL DAILY MENU

BREAKFAST: Continental selection includes a choice of cereals (Muesli, Corn Flakes, Weetbix, Rice Bubbles), tinned fruit, yoghurt, toast & spreads, with juice, tea, coffee & milo. Hot selection may include: sausages, bacon, poached or scrambled eggs, baked beans, spaghetti or pancakes.

Some mornings may only be a continental breakfast, due to travelling times

LUNCH: Most days there will be a selection of cold meats and tuna with cheese and salads to make your own sandwich. Lunches include

fresh fruit (*where available*), sweet biscuits, water and cordial. Hot lunches may include hamburgers, hot dogs, or toasted sandwiches.

DINNER: Each night you will have 3 courses to fill you up after a hard days exploring.

Entrée will normally be a soup (chicken noodle, thick vegetable, tomato, pumpkin, creamy chicken) with sliced bread, or "nibbles": a selection of chips, shapes, cheese, kabana, cracker biscuits, vegetable sticks, etc.

Main course may include spaghetti bolognaise, chicken schnitzels with potatoes and vegetables, a good old Sunday roast, BBQ meat & salads, chicken stir-fry, lasagna or fried rice with water & cordial (*other main meals may be supplied, than those listed*).

Dessert is always something yummy. May include chocolate mousse, ice cream & toppings, apple crumble & custard or fruit jellies.

SUPPER: Sweet biscuits with tea, coffee and milo

Packing & Luggage:

- Bag Size Limits: refer Appendix A (Your sleeping bag must fit in your bag)
- Suggested Packing List:

CLOTHING: NT Trip Polo and Singlet, Underwear, Socks, Jeans/pants, Shorts, Jumper/Sweatshirt, Raincoat/Parka, Shirts/T-shirts, Tracksuit (ideal for sleeping), Bathers, Sandals/Thongs, Rubber Soled Walking Shoes, Handkerchiefs.

(Comfortable clothing as you will be sitting on a bus for long periods, also clothes that are suited to bushwalking (especially shoes)).

GENERAL: Towels and Tea Towel, Toiletries, Sanitary Products, Sunglasses, Head Torch, Camera, Clothes Pegs, Games/Cards, extra money to buy bottled water, CD'S, and DVD's for the Coaches.

EATING UTENSILS: Knife, Fork, 2 Spoons, Plastic Plate, Bowl and Mug (put your name on it)

SLEEPING GEAR: Sleeping Bag, Pillow and Pillow Case (If you wish to save space bring just a pillow case and stuff it with spare clothes at night)

Behavior Expectations:

- You have all completed the behavior contract and this will be strictly adhered to. You are representing the College on a National stage!!

Risk Management Document:

- The College has a comprehensive RM document for this trip, far too many pages to hand out to everyone. If you have any specific concerns about this trip and what strategies are in place for all possible emergency situations, please see me directly following this meeting outside.
- In case of emergency: The Colleges protocols will be followed to the letter. In the unlikely event of an emergency on the trip our first point of call will be to contact the College 24 hour contact. Once the situation is under control than all students will be given the opportunity to contact home. It is critical that NO student contacts home prior to the all-clear being given. This ensures all facts are correct and no untrue 'rumors' are spread.

Wet Weather Management Plan:

- Wet weather may affect our tour and conditions can become uncomfortable due to extended periods of rain. If this occurs, your coach captain will make every effort to find alternative accommodation. ie. church or scout hall or similar, or he may need to change the itinerary around to suit weather conditions. Should the group require accommodation in vans, bunkhouse, motels, etc or need to change destinations, this **additional cost must be paid by the group**. Some campsites will not give a refund, or may charge cancellation fees, for cancelling due to weather, therefore the school will be required to pay the additional camping fees to camp or be accommodated elsewhere.
- Any costs incurred by the school due to these unforeseen events will need to be reimbursed immediately following the trip.

Mobile Phones & Other Electronic Devices:

- It is expected that all students will have a mobile phone with them on the trip. It is also expected that it will only be used as a camera or music device for most of the trip. Students will be allocated times (usually in the evenings) where they can call home. Breaches of this will result in the phone being kept by staff except for the period's mentions previously.
- It is advised you work out how to set your battery saver modes on your phone or purchase a mobile battery charger as charging points might be few and far between.
- The school phone will always be on should be your first point of call should you wish to contact your child.
- Other electronic devices (eg laptops, Ipads etc) should be left at home. Insurance may not cover them and no one is responsible for them except you!

Appendix A: Confirmed Itinerary:

**MON 21ST
SEPTEMBER**

HOBART/FLY TO DARWIN



2.30pm the group assembles at **Hobart Airport (Just inside terminal)**, ready to check in at **3.00pm** for our **4.30pm flight to Darwin, via Melbourne**. On arrival into Darwin, we head to our campground where we stay for two nights at the **Lee Point Caravan Park**. *(All meals at groups own arrangements and expense, the tents will already be set up for the group).*

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**TUE 22ND
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER**

DAY TRIP TO LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

This morning we head to the **Litchfield National Park**, which comprises 65,700m² of the Tabletop Range and is noted for its four large and spectacular waterfalls which are permanently flowing. We spend time exploring the area including **Florence Falls, Bluey's Waterhole** and **Wangi Falls** *(subject to conditions)*. We then return to **Darwin**. Tonight we enjoy a **Spirit of Darwin Harbour Disco Cruise**.



**WED 23RD
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER**

DARWIN/KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

This morning we take a 9.30am self-guided tour at **Crocodylus Park**. We then travel to **Kakadu** where we set up for two nights camp at **Kakadu Lodge Campground**

**THU 24TH
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER**

KAKADU

Up early this morning as we travel to Coinda to enjoy a **6.45am** sunrise cruise on the **Yellow Waters Lagoon** to view the abundant wildlife, powerful salt-water crocodiles and majestic Jabiru Storks, Mudskippers and Rainbow birds. It's then back to Jabiru where we visit **Nourlangie Rock** and the **Bowali Visitors Centre Park Headquarters**.

Later today we have some free time before enjoying sunset at **Ubirr Rock** (*subject to conditions*).

FRI 25TH
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER
KAKADU/KATHERINE

This morning we travel to Katherine, to set up for our overnight camp at the **Nitmiluk Gorge Caravan Park**. This afternoon we enjoy a **2 hour cruise at 3.00pm** on Nitmiluk Gorge.

SAT 26TH
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER
KATHERINE/RENNER SPRINGS

This morning we head to **Mataranka**, where there will be time for bathing in the famous Mataranka Thermal Springs (*subject to conditions*). We then continue to **Renner Springs** and set up for our overnight camp at the **Renner Springs Desert Inn Campground**.



SUN 27TH
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER
RENNER SPRINGS/ALICE SPRINGS



This morning we visit the Devils Marbles enroute to **Alice Springs**. We then set up for our overnight camp at the **MacDonnell Range Holiday Park**. This evening we have a visit at **7.00pm** from **Rex the Snakeman** at our campsite.

MON 28TH
(BLD)
SEPTEMBER
ALICE SPRINGS/WATARRKA

This morning we enjoy a city sights tour including views of Alice Springs from **Anzac Hill**. We visit the Western MacDonnell Ranges, including **Simpson's Gap, Standley Chasm (11.00am booking)**. This afternoon we head to **Watarrka**, stopping enroute for a short **2.00pm camel ride**. On arrival we set up camp at the **King Canyon Frontier Resort**.



TUE 29TH
(BLD)
WATARKKA/ULURU

SEPTEMBER

This morning we visit **Watarrka National Park** and explore the spectacular sandstone cliffs, natural rock pools, lush vegetation, the "Garden of Eden" and the domes of the "Lost City". We then travel to **Uluru** to set up for our three night's camp at **Ayers Rock Campground**. Before dinner we visit the "**Sunset Strip**" to witness the sunset over **Uluru**.

WED 30TH

ULURU - KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

(BLD)

SEPTEMBER

Uluru National Park is listed as a World Heritage Area and it is here we have the option to climb Uluru and from 348 meters above the ground wonder at the enormity of the Australian Outback (*the climb is subject to weather conditions and may be closed during our visit*). We take a circular tour of the base and view the aboriginal rock paintings and caves.

THU 1ST

ULURU- KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

(BLD)

OCTOBER

This morning we visit **Kata Tjuta**- another scenic wonder of the Red Centre where we walk through the "Valley of the Winds". This afternoon we have some free time at the campground.

FRI 2ND

ULURU/FLY TO HOBART

(B)

OCTOBER

This morning we head to the **Ayers Rock Airport**, ready to check in at **11.15am** for our **12.45pm flight home to Hobart, via Melbourne** (*group check in is 90 minutes prior to departure - lunch at own expense today- schools own arrangements back to school*).



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**PLEASE BE ON TIME TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM
THE AIRPORT**

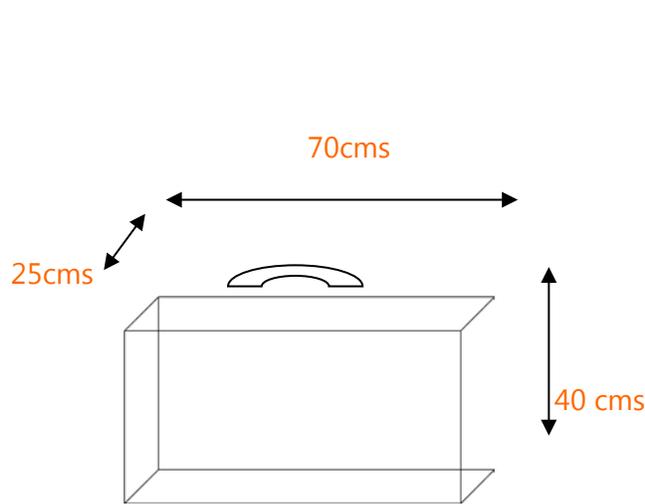
Appendix B: Luggage Requirements:



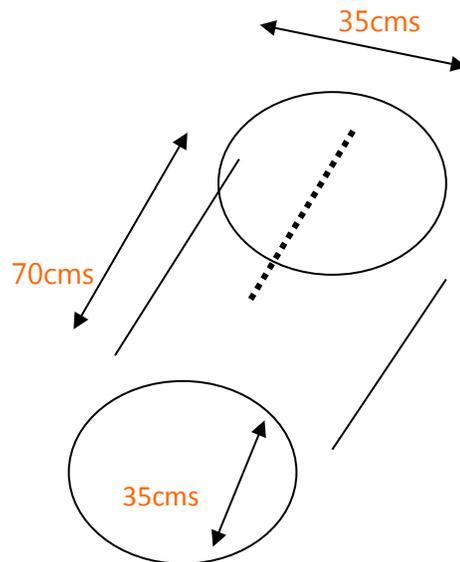
APPROXIMATE LUGGAGE

SIZES

(NO STEEL FRAMED BACKPACKS, CRICKET BAGS OR SWAGS ALLOWED)



SUITCASE



SAUSAGE BAG

Remember, only **ONE** piece of Luggage per person, either a **SUITCASE** or a **SAUSAGE BAG**.

NO CRICKET BAGS OR SWAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Weight is not to exceed **15kgs**. Each person must be able to **lift and carry their own bag**. If Sleeping bags are required, they must be packed inside the luggage, **NOT SEPARATE**.

ANY LUGGAGE THAT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THESE DIMENSIONS OR WEIGHT LIMITS, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY

Appendix C: Important Contact Numbers

CAMPING GROUNDS:

LEE POINT VILLAGE RESORT

Lee Point Road
Lee Point NT 0810
PH: (08) 8945 0535

KAKADU LODGE & CARAVAN PARK

Jabiru Drive
Jabiru NT 0886
PH: (08) 8979 2422

NITMILUK GORGE CAMPGROUND

Nitmiluk Gorge National Park
Katherine NT 0850
PH: (08) 8972 1253

RENNER SPRINGS DESERT INN

Stuart Highway
Renner Springs NT 0862
Phone: (08) 8964 4505

MACDONNELL RANGE HOLIDAY PARK

Palm Place
Alice Springs NT 0870
PH: (08) 8952 6111

KINGS CANYON FRONTIER RESORT

Ernest Giles Road
Kings Canyon NT 0871
PH: (08) 8956 7442

ULURU CAMPGROUND

Yulara Drive
Yulara NT 0872
PH: (08) 8957 7001

MACDONNELL RANGE HOLIDAY PARK

Palm Place
Alice Springs NT 0870
PH: (08) 8952 6111