

Forest School permission form Term 4 2017:

Where:	Eggmolesse Environmental Park at Immanuel Lutheran College. 126-142 Wisers Road, Buderim, QLD, 4556
When:	Commencing Monday 9 October and running each Monday for six weeks (Note: we will not be running Forest school on Monday 16 October due to the Student free day) last afternoon will be Monday 20 November) from 3.45-4.45pm. Children can be collected at OSHC from 5.15pm.
Food & Transport:	Children will eat afternoon tea before commencing Forest School. Children will walk 10 minutes (each way) from OSHC/Senior School to the forest with OSHC staff (and return to OSHC) at 5pm. Children will change into Forest School clothing before departing to Forest School.
Travel details:	Students will be met at the bus upon arrival and then walk to the rainforest with the group.
Child/staff ratio:	1 Staff member to 10 children (if less than 10 two staff will still go for safety reasons). The staff member responsible for implementing and overseeing the program will be Sarah Cheetham (Forest School Leader) and Tamara Scutts (Nominated Supervisor and Forest School Leader) as they have completed the Level 3 Forest School Leader Training. OSHC Educators will also assist in the running of the program and be in ratio.
Activities:	The activities completed at Forest School range from establishing the boundaries, making shelters, rainforest walks, knots and lashings to make picture frames and structures, completing forest scavenger hunts and wooden projects developing skills such as whittling, sawing, sanding and drilling wood. During the last session of Forest School, parents will be invited to join their child in the forest and participate in a series of activities conducted throughout the session.
Clothing:	Children are not permitted to wear their school uniform to Forest School. They must be wearing light long pants and a light long sleeved shirt and closed in shoes. If the weather is wet, gumboots are accepted as footwear for the program.
Health & Safety information:	<p><u>Weather considerations:</u> Forest school sessions would not be conducted if there were predicted storms, high winds or extreme heat (at or above 37 degrees Celsius) from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). The Forest School Leader would check the BOM website on the morning of a Forest School day to check the rain, wind and temperature forecast and any severe weather warnings. If a Forest School session had to be cancelled children would complete similar activities using collected natural resources (if possible) indoors or undercover in OSHC area or Sound Shell.</p> <p>Please note: if it is raining Forest School will still go ahead. <i>There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing.</i> The children will wear their raincoats and have a spare change of clothes in this instance.</p> <p><u>First Aid:</u> Staff members conducting the program are trained in first aid – Emergency response in an Education and Care setting. Staff will carry basic first aid kit, snake bite kit, spare clothing, sunscreen, natural insect repellent and a mobile phone.</p> <p><u>Toileting considerations:</u> Children will be asked to go to the toilet before commencing Forest School. If they do need to go within the session a staff member will walk with them to the D – block and unlock those toilets for them to use.</p> <p><u>Tools:</u> As part of the Forest School Program children will learn how to correctly use peelers to whittle wood with the potential to introduce bow saws when cutting wood and drills to drill holes in wood. Students will be closely supervised during this time and only use tools in a designated area. They will be required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE – which OSHC will provide) in the form of safety glasses and gloves when sawing.</p> <p>Please note: Risk assessment for Forest School is available upon request.</p>

Thoughtful consideration needs to be taken when registering for the program as it is designed to be scaffolded. Therefore, if a child misses any of the Forest School sessions, they will be unable to complete the rest of the program due to the instruction and guidance when using tools.

Kind Regards,

OSHC TEAM

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I _____ give permission for my child/ren

to walk with ILC OSHC staff to the forest and participate in all organised activities conducted for the duration of the six week program. I understand that I am required to provide suitable clothing as per the clothing requirement list in the Forest School Information document or my child/ren will be unable to participate in the program. The program will run from 3.45-4.45pm each Monday afternoon and children can be collected from OSHC from 5.15pm. Please refrain from collecting your children early so they can fully engage in Forest School.

Any medical advice: _____

Any additional information regarding your child that may affect your child's involvement in the program:-

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I can be contacted today on ph: _____ or mob: _____