



14 March 2013

Dear Parents,

Maria Island & Brampton Island Experiences

Thank you again for the support you have indicated for the Maria Island & Brampton Island Experiences for your daughter/son.

The Maria Island Experience will run for the first week of the Term 1 holidays, 22 to 27 April 2013. Travel, accommodation and activities have been confirmed for this experience. Students will travel from Fahan School, departing early on the 22 April (time to be confirmed) and will sail from Triabunna to Maria Island. Students will be returned to Fahan School, late on the evening of 27 April.

Students will camp near toilet and shower facilities within the National Park camping ground, which has been booked out for this week for our use. All equipment (tents, sleeping bags & mats) and materials (science equipment, wetsuits, snorkels etc) will be provided. All food is included, with students being amply catered for with fresh fruit, vegetables and meat being refrigerated on the island. Meals include breakfast, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and supper, as well as open access to snacks during the day and night.

Students will complete transect and quadrat studies of the foreshore, exploring the impact of introduced species and prepare a report for CSIRO regarding indicator species. Students will also undertake terrestrial surveys, classify plant species and remove weeds from protected areas. Students will also meet with representatives responsible for the relocation of the devil population to Maria Island, and discuss this intervention as a current Science in Society issue. Students will also snorkel survey areas near the jetty. Other activities have been scheduled and this will be circulated once times have been confirmed.

The cost for the Maria Island Experience is \$650 all inclusive. If you have any concerns or last minute changes, please let me know as soon as possible so that I may, hopefully, address your needs.

Please complete the attached registration form and snorkeling form and return this and a **\$150 deposit by Wednesday 24 March**. If you have any queries, please contact me via email at woodwardai@fahan.tas.edu.au or through the School Office on 6225 1064.

Kind regards

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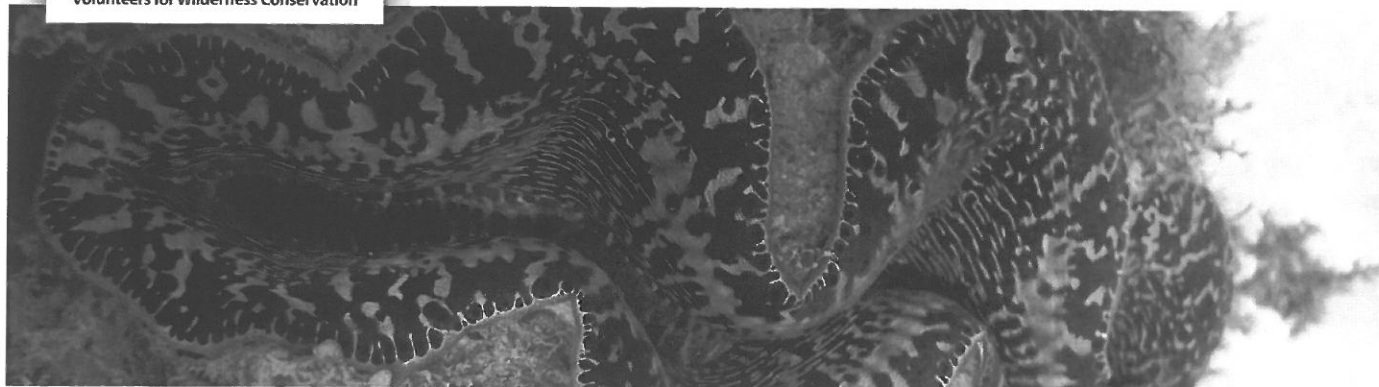
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Volunteer Registration Form

Snorkelling Registration



Must be completed with Volunteer Registration Form • Page 1 of 1

Project: _____
Date: _____

In-Water Safety and Medical Conditions

For your safety during in-water activities, please read and acknowledge the following:

Medical conditions

Snorkelling can be a strenuous physical activity and may increase the health and safety risks for:

1. Volunteers with any medical condition that may be made worse by physical exertion, for example, heart disease, asthma and some lung complaints
2. Any medical condition which can result in loss of consciousness, for example, some forms of epilepsy and diabetic conditions
3. Asthma which can be brought on by cold water, salt-water mist or exercise, and
4. Volunteers over the age of 55, who are more likely to suffer from undiagnosed medical conditions

If you have any medical conditions or any other problems or concerns, please inform us so that we can take measures to ensure your safety. *Please tick all that apply*

	Yes	No
Heart Disease	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abnormal blood pressure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortness of breath	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asthma	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emphysema and other chronic lung diseases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Epilepsy, fits or faints	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recent head injury or concussion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diabetes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Consumption of alcohol or drugs today	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Marine Stingers

Australia's marine and estuarine environment is home to several species of stinging jellyfish collectively known as marine stingers. Most stings are harmless, however, stings from Box jellyfish and a jellyfish called the Irukandji can require emergency medical treatment.

Marine stingers can be present throughout the year in tropical waters, however the risk of dangerous stings is higher from November through to May. Stinger suits or wetsuits provide protection to the covered parts of the body and are available and recommended for snorkelling and any other in-water activity.

Shallow Water Blackout

Breath hold diving whilst snorkelling can lead to hypoxic blackout (sudden loss of consciousness), which can lead to serious injury or death. This can occur when snorkellers hyperventilate (take more than three or four deep breaths before descending), or do deep breath-hold dives. Breath-hold divers are strongly advised not to hyperventilate and should always dive in buddy pairs using a one-up, one-down system.

I have read and acknowledge the above warnings and have declared any relevant conditions that may affect my safety in the water.

Volunteer

Signature: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____

For your safety all snorkelling is guided. You must not enter the water alone at any time.