



Term 4 Residential Information

**23rd October – 27th October
2017**

Please read through the following information and complete and return the forms listed below by COB Friday 8th September, 2017.

- 1) Permission form
- 2) Travel plans
- 3) Medical information form
- 4) Payment form
- 5) Student feedback consent form

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The residential school

Residential schools are an integral part of learning with Aurora College. Your child is required to attend the residential school when scheduled.

During the residential program, students will be participating in both curriculum activities and social and cultural activities. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect face-to-face with peers and teachers and enjoy what Bathurst has to offer. It also allows students to fulfil the mandatory requirements for meeting course outcomes.

The general rules and regulations of school and excursion activities apply to residential schools and students are expected to comply with the reasonable instructions of staff. The Department of Education's [Excursion Policy](#) states that students must behave appropriately at all times while on excursions.

Please read the following information, complete, and return the forms listed below by COB Friday 8 September 2017.

- 1) Permission note
- 2) Travel plans
- 3) Medical information
- 4) Payment form
- 5) Student feedback consent form

Arrival and departure

Aurora College's residential program will be taking place from 4:00pm Monday 23 October – 9:00am Friday 27 October 2017

Address: Bathurst Goldfields
428 Conrod Straight
Mount Panorama, NSW
[Venue information](#)
[Getting there](#)

Students can arrive on Monday afternoon 23 October from 4pm onwards but official sign in will be from 5pm – 6pm.

Supervision of students arriving at the venue by other means will be available after 4pm. All students will need to sign in and collect an ID card, program and other relevant information. Any students arriving on Tuesday 24 October need to sign in by 8:00am.

Two executive staff members will have school mobile phones. They are able to be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Mobile # 1: 0475 961 392
Mobile # 2: 0475 961 395

All students are to be offsite by 9:00am on Friday 27 October. Students can leave any time before 9:00am, provided they sign out and are accompanied by their parent or guardian. There will not be any educational programs scheduled for the Friday as this day is designated for travel.

Accommodation

Students and staff will be accommodated at the Bathurst Goldfields. Students will be supervised by Aurora College staff. Staff will also be staying overnight in the cabins (separate cabins to students). Security will be contracted to provide overnight supervision from 10pm.



Please park next to the office on arrival

Transport

Parents are expected to make travel arrangements for their children to and from the Residential School at Bathurst Goldfields.

To minimise the cost and disruption to families, Aurora College will hire buses to and from Bathurst Goldfields from the regional centres listed below under 'Buses'. Buses are provided by the college in areas of the state where there are sufficient numbers of students to make the service financially viable and where there are staff available to supervise.

Staff will be available to supervise students in transit to and from Bathurst Goldfields via Bathurst Train Station and Sydney Airport. Students will be accompanied by staff to and from the Bathurst Goldfields by bus (Sydney Airport) or by department car (Bathurst Station).

Aurora College staff will supervise students at:

- **Sydney Airport** from 12:00 pm with the college bus departing for Bathurst Goldfields at 2:00 pm
- **Bathurst train station** from 4:30 pm and travel by car to Bathurst Goldfields
- **Bathurst Goldfields** from 4:00 pm
- **Buses**
 - Bus 1 – Eden (with pickups/letdowns at Bega, Narooma, Moruya, Ulladulla, Nowra, Goulburn)
 - Bus 2 – Griffith (with pickups/letdowns at Leeton, Narrandera, Coolamon, Junee, Young, Cowra)
 - Bus 3 – Cobar (with pickups/letdowns at Nyngan, Dubbo, Parkes, Blayney, Orange)
 - Bus 4 – Sydney Airport (direct bus to Bathurst Goldfields)

After reviewing travel destinations, please complete and return the forms attached (labelled “2. Travel Plans”). **If your child will be travelling as an ‘unaccompanied minor’ then you must let us know** by contacting the Aurora College office on 1300 287 629 or via auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

BUSES

Buses will arrive and depart from the destinations in the table below at a time to be advised, on Monday 23 October and Friday 27 October. Students and the accompanying teachers will arrive at the residential school on Monday afternoon/evening and return to their departure point on Friday. Full bus timetables will be forwarded when we receive confirmation of the travel plans of all students. **The additional cost per student to travel to and from Bathurst on any of these buses is \$50 (return).**

BUS ROUTES

BUSES	BUS 1	BUS 2	BUS 3	BUS 4
	Eden <i>Eden Marine H.S</i>	Griffith <i>Griffith H.S</i> <i>Wade HS</i>	Cobar <i>Cobar H.S</i>	Sydney Airport
	KAYLENE TAYLOR	<i>Deniliquin HS</i> WENDY MURWOOD	CAROLYN MCMURTRIE	All students catching a flight to Sydney will be assigned to bus 4 by default. There is no need to select this bus in your travel plans selections.
Pick up points (in bold)	Bega <i>Bega H.S</i> <i>Jindabyne H.S</i>	Leeton <i>Leeton H.S</i>	Nyngan <i>Nyngan H.S</i> <i>Bourke H.S</i>	
<i>Students from school (in italics) are suggested to go to the nominated pick-up point in bold.</i>	Narooma <i>Narooma H.S</i>	Narrandera <i>Finley H.S</i>	Dubbo <i>Dubbo Sth H.S</i> <i>Debbo Delroy College</i> <i>Gilgrandra H.S</i> <i>Coonamble H.S</i> <i>Coonabaraban H.S</i> <i>Narrabri H.S</i> <i>Coolah C.S</i> <i>Mudgee H.S</i> <i>Gulgong H.S</i> SANDRA SEIVERS	
Teachers in CAPITALS	Moruya <i>Moruya H.S</i>	Coolamon <i>Coolamon H.S</i>	Parkes <i>Parkes H.S</i> <i>Forbes H.S</i>	
	Ulladulla <i>Ulladulla H.S</i>	June <i>June H.S</i> <i>Billabong H.S</i> <i>Tumut H.S</i>	Orange <i>Orange H.S</i>	
	Nowra <i>Nowra H.S</i>	Young HS <i>Young H.S</i> FIONA BONEHAM		
	Goulburn <i>Goulburn H.S</i> <i>Yass H.S</i>	Cowra <i>Cowra H.S</i> <i>Canowindra H.S</i> <i>The Henry Lawson H.S</i>		
		Blayney <i>Blayney H.S</i>		
Final destination	Bathurst Goldfields			
Number of passengers	Approx 34 + 2 teachers	Approx 44 + 2 teachers	Approx 48 + 2 teachers	

FLIGHTS

Aurora College will provide a bus from Sydney airport to Bathurst (return) at a **return cost of \$50 per student**. Aurora College staff will be at Sydney airport to meet any children who are flying to and from Sydney for the Residential program. We will require a copy of the flight reservations for any student flying into and out of Sydney airport. Please forward this with the signed permission note.

Students should aim to **arrive** at Sydney airport on Monday 23 October 2017 at approximately **1pm** (or the nearest time before 1pm) for a 2:00 pm departure and arrival in Bathurst at approximately 6:00 pm. **Return flights** should be booked for approximately **1:00 pm** (or the nearest time afterwards) on Friday 27 October 2017. The bus will depart Bathurst at 6:30 am and will arrive at Sydney Airport by 11:30 am.

If you are unsure about the suitability of flight times, please check with the college's coordinating office on 1300 287 629

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In some exceptional circumstances, students may need to travel via public transport to and from the residential school. If this is the case, please ensure arrangements are made for your child to arrive and be collected at one of the destinations listed above.

PRIVATE VEHICLE - CAR

If parents wish to transport students direct to the residential school, please arrive from 4pm – 6pm. Please park in the parking spaces next to the office.

In exceptional circumstances, a student may wish to travel to and from the residential school with another parent or a teacher. If this is the case, please ensure you complete the *Travel in another's private vehicle* section on the permission form.

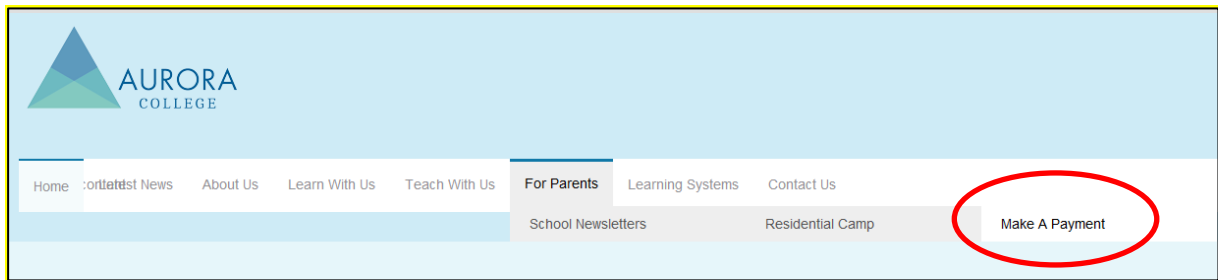
Parents who drive their students to the residential may be eligible for the government's *School Drive Subsidy* for Distance learning students attending mini-schools

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/whosEligibleSchoolDrive#scrollTargetHome>

Costs and payment

The cost of this residential school is **\$350**. This includes the cost of accommodation, all food, entry to all activities and travel to and from all activities during the residential program in and around Bathurst.

Payments can be made by credit card or personal cheque. If you choose to pay online you **MUST include** your **child's initial and surname** and the **reference RES2** in the description/reference so we can identify payments. Online payments can be accessed via our website www.aurora.nsw.edu.au under the 'For parents' tab, shown on the next page.



Payments can be made in instalments by prior arrangement with the college.

Financial assistance and travel subsidies

Families seeking financial assistance with the cost of the residential school may be eligible for the:

- *Aurora College Student Assistance Scheme* – contact Aurora College on 1300 287 629
- *School Student Transport Scheme* <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>
- *School Drive Subsidy* for Distance learning students attending mini-schools
<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/whosEligibleSchoolDrive#scrollTargetHome>

Please contact Denise Deaves (auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) on 1300 287 629 for further information regarding payments, financial assistance and reimbursements for flights.

Food

All meals from dinner on the Monday night to lunch on Friday are provided, unless specified otherwise on the program.

On days out, students will collect a packed lunch to take with them. Students may like to bring extra money to purchase food when they are off site.

Special dietary needs are catered for and should be advised on the attached forms submitted to the Aurora College office. Students with special dietary requirements should make themselves known to a staff member so they can be shown where specific items are stored. Every effort will be made to cater for students with dietary requirements, however, it is advisable that students pack some additional food in case alternate provisions are not to their liking.

Students may pack a reasonable supply of snacks for their own consumption at the residential, although large quantities of sugary snacks should be avoided.

Snacks containing nuts are discouraged due to severe allergic reactions from fellow students and staff.

Personal items

Students are responsible for all items they bring with them, including mobile phones, laptops, money and other personal items. The charging of electronic devices is also the responsibility of the student. **Excessive amounts of cash and other valuables are not required.**

Students will have an opportunity to visit the onsite gift shop, a local bookshop and ice cream parlor and if they wish to purchase from these or surrounding stores, **they will require additional money.**

Additional money may also be needed for students who wish to purchase food and drinks on route to and from the residential school.

Health and medication

Please complete and return the attached medical information form and permission for administering medications form. Copies of any **ASCIA action** plans for allergic reactions or anaphylaxis, and **asthma or other health plans** lodged with the student's home school should also be forwarded to Aurora College.

All medications must be in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the student's name, the name of the medication, instructions for administration and time of administration. This needs to be handed-in at the sign-in desk upon arrival at the residential school. Any student requiring Schedule 8 drugs must report to an Aurora staff member who will arrange for the medication to be locked away until it is needed.

First aid kits and night staff, from Bathurst Goldfields are available on site.

One cabin will be allocated as a 'sick bay' if required.

Mental well-being is just as important as physical well-being. If any student experiences difficulty at any time it is important that he/she tell the Aurora staff member in charge. Parents can also inform the coordinating office of any well-being concerns prior to the residential.

Clothing

New students will be issued with an Aurora T-shirt which they will need to wear on their lesson day at the high school. Whilst there is no entire Aurora uniform, certain standards in dressing are expected. Please refer to the 'List of things to bring' on the last page.

Students are to dress in comfortable, clean and neat clothing that is appropriate for each activity and the weather at the time. Clothing not permitted:

- Singlet tops and tank tops
- Midriff tops
- Items with offensive logos or writing
- Torn clothes

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, normal standards for schools and school excursions apply.

Enclosed-toed shoes are required during all scheduled activities including classes and on the students' days out. Full leather covered shoes are essential for science practical classes. Entry to classes and activities will be refused if inappropriate footwear is worn.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210.1:2010 Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas

Sandals, open footwear or high-heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student will be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. (See https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safeworklearn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf for further information.)

Sandals, open footwear and thongs can be worn in dorms or during free time only.

Activities

During the residential program, most classes and excursions are scheduled during normal school hours. There are limited times during the residential program that allow for 'free time'. However, there are times where there is no compulsory activity. During these times, students need to follow instructions from staff, to be in the right place at the right time and only within the specified supervised areas.

Some of the planned activities for this residential which your child may have the opportunity to participate in include:

- Attending the Orange Theatre for a live production
- A Poetry Slam workshop
- Visiting a museum, bookshop and ice cream parlor (average cost is \$5, prices range from \$2.00-\$8.50)
- Lesson time with teachers, onsite and at a local High School
- Abercrombie caves and Abercrombie house (stage 4)
- Mt Piper Power station (Stage 5)
- University tour and library research experience (Stage 5)

There are no activities planned for this residential that involve water. However, should that change, any activities involving water will be conducted in accordance with the [Guidelines for the safe conduct of sport and physical activity in schools](#).

Appropriate sun protection (e.g. hats, water resistant sunscreen preferably 50+, long sleeve shirt, sunglasses etc) is required for all outdoor activities.

Student feedback: Aurora College

Parent information



Dear Parents and Carers,

Aurora College was established as an initiative under the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint in 2014. The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), in the Department of Education, is evaluating the Blueprint and is looking at the operation of Aurora College.

James Finn, a Senior Evaluator at CESE, will be conducting the evaluation by surveying students during Term 4 to canvass their views and experiences about Aurora College. Feedback from students is an important component of the evaluation, as their views are critical in understanding how it has met their needs.

If you provide consent, your child will undertake the questionnaire whilst at the Aurora residential camp. Survey results will be provided to the Principal of Aurora College, but will not be linked with any details that would allow any student to be identified.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary and will take up to approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Your child will not take part if either you, or your child, do not wish to. There will be no disadvantage of any kind if your child does not participate in the evaluation.

Please complete the attached *student feedback consent form*, indicating whether or not you agree to have your child participate, and return it.

If you have any questions about the evaluation, please contact James Finn at James.Finn8@det.nsw.edu.au.

List of things to bring

All scheduled activities should go ahead as planned (but may be slightly modified) so it is important to be prepared for any variations to the program and weather conditions such as rain or heat.

The accommodation provides a bottom sheet and pillow with a pillowslip. Students will be required to bring a sleeping bag.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator | <input type="checkbox"/> Thongs for shower |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop and charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers & closed-toed shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stationery eg: pens, pencils, highlighter, ruler, paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks x 4 pairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money (for the gift shop, bookshop and ice-cream parlor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small backpack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile phone and charger (if necessary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Suncream 50+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wet weather jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper | <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear x 4 + sets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aurora T-Shirt (to be worn on the Wednesday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes for evening – e.g. jeans, tracksuit pants. | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A nice outfit to wear to the theatre (smart casual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Board games/cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Small amount of washing detergent (if desired) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Long sleeved shirt (required for power station visit) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants or jeans (required for power station visit) |

Privacy

The information provided by parents is being obtained for Aurora's College residential program only. It will be used by Aurora College for permissions and safety purposes. It will be stored securely.

You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Aurora College office.