

Residential 1 2019 Information Term 1

4th – 8th March 2019

For all students in Years 7 – 10.

Please read the following information, complete and return all forms listed
by COB Wednesday 6 February 2019.

1. [Permission note](#)
2. Online [Student Details form](#) available at <bit.ly/RES12019> to provide information for:
 - a. Emergency contact details
 - b. Travel plans
 - c. Medical and dietary requirements



All forms and information are available on the [school website](#)- scan QR code to access

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The residential program

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

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

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

Arrival and departure

Aurora College's Term 1 residential program will be taking place from Monday 4 March at 3:00 pm to Friday 8 March 2019, 8:30 am.

Address: Katoomba Christian Convention Centre,
119 Cliff Drive,
Katoomba NSW 2780
[Venue information](#)

Students can arrive on Monday afternoon, 4 March 2019 from 3:00 pm. We cannot guarantee supervision for students who arrive before 3:00 pm.

Upon arrival, all students will need to sign in between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm and collect an ID card, program and other relevant information.

An executive staff member will have a school mobile phone. They can be contacted in the event of an emergency.

Mobile # 1: 0475 961 392

All students are to be offsite by 8:30 am on Friday 8 March 2019. Students can leave any time before 8:30 am, provided they sign out and are accompanied by their parent or guardian. There will not be any educational programs scheduled for Friday as this day is designated for travel.

Accommodation

Students and staff will be accommodated within the grounds of Katoomba Christian Convention Centre (KCC). Students will be accommodated and will be supervised by Aurora College staff. Staff will also be staying overnight in separate cabins, with at least one teacher staying in a room nearby groups of students. Security staff will be contracted to provide additional overnight supervision.



Transport

Parents are expected to make travel arrangements for their children to and from the Residential at Katoomba Christian Convention Centre (KCC).

To minimise the cost and disruption to families, Aurora College will hire buses to and from KCC, Katoomba and the regional centres listed below under 'Chartered Buses'. These buses are subsidised by Aurora College, and available at a cost of \$50 return for each child. They are provided for areas of the state where there are sufficient student numbers to make the service financially viable; and where there are staff available to provide supervision.

To facilitate travel arrangements for students who will not be travelling via an Aurora chartered bus, we will provide a complimentary shuttle bus to transport students to and from Sydney Airport. Staff will be available to supervise students at Sydney Airport and in transit on each of the buses.

Aurora College staff will supervise students at the following destinations:

- **Sydney Airport** with the college bus departing for KCC Katoomba after the last flight arrives.
- **KCC, Katoomba** from 3:00 pm
- **Chartered Buses**

If you have concerns about travel arrangements, please contact the coordinating office to discuss the situation.

After reviewing travel options, please complete the online form. **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 email auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

To facilitate equitable access for all students to attend the residential, families are welcome to make an application for financial assistance to subsidise travel costs. For further details, please contact Denise Deaves at the coordinating office on 1300 287 629 or via the school email auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Chartered Buses

○ Bus 1 – Cobar	with pickups/set downs at Cobar, Hermidale, Nyngan, Dubbo, Wellington, Molong, Orange and Katoomba
○ Bus 2 – Griffith	with pickups/set downs at Griffith, West Wyalong, Forbes, Canowindra and Katoomba
○ Bus 3 – Condobolin	with pickups/set downs at Condobolin, Parkes, Bathurst, Katoomba, Sydney Olympic Park and Chatswood
○ Bus 4 – South Coast to Sydney (for students in Years 6, 11 & 12)	with pickups/set downs at Eden, Narooma, Moruya, Milton, Ulladulla, Sydney Airport, Sydney Olympic Park, Chatswood
○ Bus 5 – South Coast to Katoomba (for students in Years 7-10)	with pickups/set downs at Eden, Bega, Narooma, Moruya, Ulladulla, Nowra and Katoomba
○ Bus 6 – Culcairn	with pickups/set downs at Culcairn, Wagga Wagga, Young, Cowra, Blayney and Katoomba
○ Bus 7 – Cooma	with pickups/set downs at Cooma, Sutton, Goulburn, Bowral
○ Bus 8 – Sydney Airport (complimentary for students on flights)	with pickups/set downs at Sydney Airport, Chatswood, Sydney Olympic Park and Katoomba

Buses will arrive and depart from the destinations listed in the table on page 6 at a time to be advised, on Monday 4 March and Friday 8 March 2019. Students and the accompanying teachers will arrive at the residential school on Monday afternoon/evening and return to their departure point on Friday. **Please make plans to catch the bus recommended for your school.** These bus routes have been planned to accommodate student numbers along the routes. With increased enrolments in our school, we may not have room for students to select an alternative bus.

Full bus timetables with exact pickup locations and times will be forwarded to parents once we receive confirmation of the travel plans of all students and the itinerary from the bus company. **The cost per student to travel to and from Katoomba on a bus is \$50 (return).**

Flights

Aurora College will provide a complimentary bus from Sydney Airport to Katoomba. Aurora College staff will be at Sydney Airport to meet any children who are flying to and from Sydney for the residential program. Please provide a copy of the flight reservations with the signed permission note.

Students should **arrive** at Sydney airport on Monday 4 March 2019 by **1:30pm** (or the nearest time before). The bus will leave Sydney Airport after the last flight arrives for arrival KCC, Katoomba around 6:00 pm.

Return flights should be booked for departure **after 1:00 pm** on Friday 8 March 2019.

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 on the previous page and advise the office of these plans.

Private vehicle - car

If parents wish to transport students directly to the residential, please arrive between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. 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 adult, who is not their parent or guardian. If this is the case, please ensure you select *'Private vehicle travel with another adult'* for travel plans and provide details of the driver and their license number, vehicle, registration and insurance in the online 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. For more information, go to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/whosEligibleSchoolDrive#scrollTargetHome>

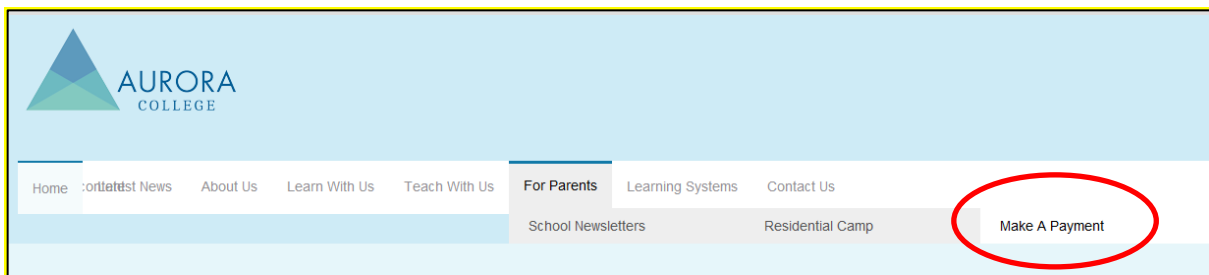
Bus routes

Buses	Bus 1_ Cobar	Bus 2_ Griffith	Bus 3_ Condobolin	Bus 4 - South Coast to Sydney (Years 6, 11 & 12)	Bus 5_ South Coast to Katoomba (Years 7-10 only)	Bus 6_ Culcairn	Bus 7_ Cooma	
Pickup and set down points in bold. <i>Schools are listed in italics under the suggested pick up point.</i>	Cobar H.S. <i>Bourke H.S.</i> <i>Cobar P.S.</i>	Wade H.S. <i>Griffith H.S.</i> <i>Griffith East P.S.</i> <i>Beelbangera P.S.</i>	Condobolin H.S.	Eden Marine H.S. <i>Eden P.S.</i> <i>Merimbula P.S.</i> <i>Tathra P.S.</i>	Eden Marine H.S. (Years 7-10 only)	Billabong H.S. <i>Barham H.S.</i>	Monaro HS <i>Jindabyne CS</i>	
	Hermidale P.S.	<i>Leeton H.S.</i> <i>Barham H.S.</i> <i>Hay War Memorial H.S.</i> <i>Deniliquin H.S.</i> <i>Finley H.S.</i> <i>Coleambly C.S.</i>	Parkes H.S. <i>Parkes East P.S.</i>	Narooma H.S. <i>Bermagui P.S.</i>	Bega H.S. (Years 7-10 only)	Wagga Wagga H.S. <i>Junee H.S.</i> <i>Tumut H.S.</i> <i>Coolamon H.S.</i>	Sutton P.S.	
	Nyngan H.S. <i>Tottenham C.S.</i>	West Wyalong H.S.	Denison College, Bathurst <i>Denison College, Kelso</i> <i>Oberon H.S.</i>	Moruya H.S. <i>Bodalla P.S.</i> <i>Broulee P.S.</i>	Narooma H.S. (Years 7-10 only)	Young H.S. <i>Termora P.S.</i> <i>Temora West P.S.</i>	Big Merino Goulburn <i>Goulburn H.S.</i> <i>Mulawaree H.S.</i> <i>Crookwell HS</i>	
	Dubbo South College <i>Dubbo Delroy College</i> <i>Coonamble H.S.</i> <i>Baradine C.S.</i> <i>Coonabarabran H.S.</i>	Forbes North P.S. <i>Forbes H.S.</i>		Milton P.S.	Ulladulla H.S. (Years 7-10 only)	Cowra H.S. <i>The Henry Lawson H.S.</i>	Bowral HS	
	Wellington H.S. <i>Gulgong H.S.</i> <i>Mudgee H.S.</i>	Canowindra H.S.		Sydney Airport	Nowra H.S. (Years 7-10 only)	Blayney H.S.		
	Molong C.S.			Sydney Olympic Park Lodge	<i>Bomberry H.S.</i> <i>Vincentia H.S.</i>			
	Orange H.S. <i>Canobolas RTHS</i>							
	KCC, Katoomba				Naamaroo, Chatswood	KCC, Katoomba		
	Set downs	<i>Change of bus for students going to Sydney (Years 6, 11 & 12 students)</i>		Depart Katoomba with students going to Sydney (Years 6, 11 & 12)			<i>Change of bus for students going to Sydney (Years 6, 11 & 12 students)</i>	
				Sydney Olympic Park Lodge				
		Naamaroo, Chatswood						

Costs and payment

The cost of this residential is **\$350** for the first child and \$175 for subsequent children in the same family. 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 Katoomba.

Payments can be made by personal cheque or credit card via our website. If you choose to pay online, you **MUST include** your **child's initial** and **surname** and the **reference RES1** in the description/reference. Online payments can be accessed via our website www.aurora.nsw.edu.au under the 'For parents' tab.



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/wholsEligibleSchoolDrive#scrollTargetHome>

Please contact the school office (auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) on 1300 287 629 for further information regarding payments and financial assistance.

Food

All meals from dinner on the Monday night to lunch on Friday are provided, unless specified otherwise on the program. Students will need to pack food for their journey to the residential and may wish to purchase snacks and items during stops along the way.

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 offsite.

Special dietary needs are catered for and should be advised via the online student details form submitted to the Aurora College office. Students with special dietary requirements are expected to make themselves known to staff members 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. We also encourage students to take responsibly for their own allergies and intolerances.

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

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 may have an opportunity to purchase souvenirs, snacks or play arcade games, if they wish, from the venues and surrounding stores but will **require additional money.**

Students will have the opportunity to purchase books from our Popup Bookshop provided by Megalong Books. Payment for purchases may be made via: cash, cheque or EFTPOS. With parent permission, payment can be made via credit card using the '[order form](#)' that is available on the school website. This order form is to remain with the student and handed in for payment.

Health and medication

Please complete and submit the medical information section and permission for administering medications in the online student details 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 also need to be forwarded to Aurora College.

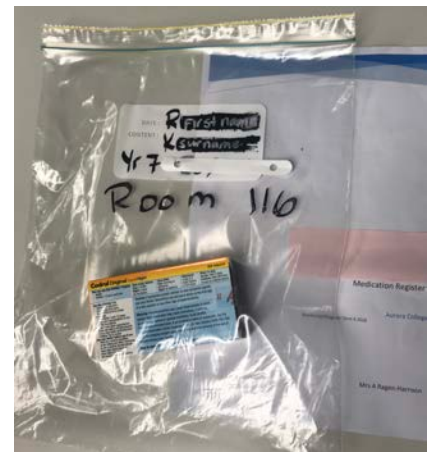
Please provide all medications in an **A4 zip locked bag** clearly labelled with the child's **full name** and **Year group**, as pictured.

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

First aid kits are available onsite at KCC Katoomba

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

Mental wellbeing is just as important as physical wellbeing. If any student experiences difficulty at any time it is important that they tell the Aurora staff member in charge. Parents can inform the coordinating office or speak to our school counsellor about any wellbeing concerns prior to the residential.



Clothing

New students will be issued with an Aurora T-shirt which they will need to wear on their excursion day/s out. New students should have already ordered their shirts. Whilst there is no official Aurora uniform, certain standards in dressing are expected. Students are to dress in comfortable, clean and neat clothing that is appropriate for each activity and the weather at the time. Please refer to the 'List of things to bring' on the last page.



Existing students may need **to purchase a new Aurora T-shirt** if they have outgrown theirs or require additional shirts. To order an additional shirt, please complete an [order form](#) and send to auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au . We welcome donations of outgrown shirts to provide as spare loan shirts during the residential.

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 may 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 arrive for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear, the student will be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. For further information, see

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safeworklearn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf

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:

- Scenic World rail and skyway plus bush walking (Years 7-10)
- Jenolan Caves (Years 7-10)
- Outdoor educational and team building activities (Years 8-10)
- Lesson time with teachers onsite (Years 7-10)
- Popup Bookshop (Years 7-10) – Students will need money or an order form
- Guest speakers from a poet and a scientist (Years 7-10)
- Movie cinema experience (Years 7-10)
- Getting to know you and team building activities (Years 7)
- Best Start Assessments (Years 7)
- Practical Science lessons in a local school science lab (Years 9-10)

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.

Aurora College student details online form

Please provide all of the necessary travel and medical information via the [Residential 1 2019 Student Details form](http://bit.ly/RES12019) available at <http://bit.ly/RES12019>

Privacy

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

You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Aurora College office on 1300 287 629.

Student behaviour

During the residential program students are representing Aurora College and are expected to behave in a manner that reflects well on Aurora at all times, including travel to and from the residential. Students should be courteous to other students, staff and members of the public and adhere to all rules and directions as provided by their teachers and for each venue they visit.

In addition to the school [discipline code](#), which students are expected to adhere to during residential, students are required to follow our residential rules below.

- **Look after your name tags**
- **Be ready and on time for all lessons and activities**
- **Attend all scheduled classes and activities**
- **Ensure your name is marked off rolls**
- **Stay in bounds**, (students must avoid any out of bounds areas and be in the correct locations)
- **Keep your area/rooms clean and tidy and clear your table after eating**
- **Stay in correct dorm/ room** (STRICTLY NO BOYS IN GIRLS DORMS/ROOMS AND VICE VERSA)
- **Be considerate of others sleeping and remain in your dorm during the night** (the residential program is very full; students need adequate rest and sleep)
- **Follow any evacuation procedures quickly and sensibly, as directed by staff or venue**
- **Take responsibility for your requirements and belongings**
- **Hand in prescriptions and medications** to the designated teacher upon sign in
- **Do not share medications**, including energy supplements or natural remedies
- **Hand in any dangerous items to the Principal or Deputy Principal**

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 all linen and towels.

- Torch
- Calculator (check with your maths teacher)
- Laptop and charger (check with your teachers – Year 7 students will need their laptops)
- Stationery eg: pens, pencils, highlighter, ruler, paper
- Spending money
- Snacks
- Mobile phone and charger (if necessary)
- Wet weather jacket
- Shorts and t-shirts (no singlets, sleeveless or midriff tops)
- Jeans
- Aurora T-Shirt** (to be worn on excursions off site)
- Warm clothes** (Jumper and tracksuit pants)
- Pyjamas
- Underwear x 4 + sets
- Socks x 4 pairs
- Toiletries, deodorant, shampoo, soap, lip balm, insect repellent etc. (**No aerosol cans**)
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Thongs for shower
- A pair of sneakers for bush walking and the Caves
- Enclosed-toed shoes
- Small backpack
- Sunscreen 50+
- Hat and sunglasses
- Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothes
- Medication (if required, complete permission)
- Anything your teacher directs you to bring for lessons
- Board games/cards, PG rated DVDs (optional)



Prohibited items

Drugs, cigarettes and alcohol are not allowed at camp and any student found using or in possession of these items may be removed from the Centre. Students found in possession of illegal drugs will be reported to the police immediately.