



Coronavirus:

Excursions and Off-Campus Activities for Term 3

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With the easing of government restrictions schools can consider planning for a wider range of excursions and off-campus activities. When planning for excursions for Term 3, the [Procedures for Off Campus Activities](#) must be followed.

It is important that no unwell staff or students should participate. Schools will need to complete a Risk Management Plan for each off campus activity. The plan must include how compliance with COVID-19 related requirements are to be managed, including:

- Government imposed gathering restrictions
- Relevant venue density requirements
- Physical distancing protocols
- Hygiene protocols

To assist in the planning of off campus activities the [Minor](#) and [Major](#) Excursion approval forms have been updated to take into account COVID-19 considerations.

Due to the higher risk posed by overnight school excursions, the pause on overnight school excursions remains in place for the start of Term 3. These restrictions will be reviewed in conjunction with Tasmanian Public Health once Term 3 is underway.

Due to the uncertainty around COVID 19 and the length of time that we may be impacted, no interstate or overseas school trips will occur for the remainder of 2020. If you have already made arrangements for school trips this year, then you should take appropriate action to cancel these trips.

Prior to the resumption of excursions and off campus activities schools should provide an opportunity for parents/carers to change their current preference in relation to their consent for minor excursions and aquatic activities, where this consent was provided prior to the COVID 19 pandemic. This information was provided to schools earlier in Term 2. To assist with this process, a [sample communication](#) has been developed, should you wish to use or refer to this. This is based on the use of an 'opt out' approach, where parents/carers are required to contact the school to change their current preference. The current process for parents/carers that have not provided consent for minor excursions, remains unchanged.

When planning for the resumption of off campus activities, it is important to be mindful that in these dynamic times there is a risk of losing deposits paid for excursions if circumstances change and the excursion cannot proceed. Caution should be exercised in pre paying for services and refund policies fully understood.