

Project Flying Fox

Teacher checklist

Meeting point /time	Meet at Camellia Gardens – President Ave Caringbah. Bus can pull up in parking area off President Avenue UPPER CAR PARK. (Area C on map). 10.00am
Finishing point /time	President Ave Caringbah. Bus can pull up in parking area off President Avenue UPPER CAR PARK. (Area C on map). 2.00pm (please advise the EEC prior to fieldtrip if there are any changes required to the finishing time).
Approximate walking distance	1.3km over a reasonably flat terrain, with some steep stairs. Please notify the centre of any student with mobility issues, unfortunately the site is not suitable.
Transport	By Bus: Drop off and pick up is President Ave Caringbah. Bus can pull up in parking area off President Avenue UPPER CAR PARK. (Area C on map)
Risk management advice	Please see the Project Flying Fox risk management plan document on the OHEEC website.
Clothing	It is preferred that students are in a school uniform for easy identification. Sturdy walking shoes are also recommended.
What to bring	A water bottle, hat and sunscreen or appropriate wet weather gear, mobile phone or camera (if appropriate) to document the fieldtrip. Each class is asked to bring two tote trays to carry students paper pots back to school.
Food	Students must bring their own food. There will not be opportunities to purchase food on this fieldtrip.
Staffing	It is expected that teachers actively supervise their class throughout the day to support student learning and behaviour management.
Extreme or wet weather	If there is a need to cancel on the day, please leave a message by dialling 9247 7321 as early as possible or The Principal on 0400 230 699.
Cancellations	Cancellations need to be made within 2 weeks of the date of the fieldtrip or a cancellation fee \$40.00 per class will be charged. If cancellation occurs due to inclement weather on the day, no fee will be charged. If there is a need to cancel on the day, please leave a message by dialling 9247 7321 as early as possible or The Principal on 0400 230 699.
Medical or special needs	Please advise OHEEC staff of any student with special needs when booking the fieldtrip (e.g. special mobility requirements). Please ensure that required medications for students are brought on the day and communicated to staff (e.g. epipen and individual anaphylaxis plans). EEC staff carry a basic first aid kit, however, teachers should also bring required first aid equipment.
Pre-excursion activities	Pre-visit activities carried out prior to the fieldtrip will help students better understand their fieldtrip content and provide links with classroom learning. Please see the Project Flying Fox program page on the OHEEC website for activities.

Project Flying Fox Program

9.45am	<p>Meet at Camellia Gardens – President Ave Caringbah Bus can pull up in parking area off President Avenue UPPER CAR PARK. (Area C on map). Observatory Hill EEC staff will meet students at top entrance and walk to lower lawns.</p> <p>Introduction and group organisation</p>
10.00am (15 mins)	Toilets and fruit break
10.15 - 11.00 (45 mins)	<p>Groups 1 (with OHEEC staff -). Location: close to colony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the colony in situ with OHEEC staff to observe flying foxes in-situ and use binoculars to understand and record interesting behaviours of a flying fox (in nature journal zine). Discussion about this specific colony (eg history and relationships with surrounding community - noise, smell, management strategies, future plans etc). <p>Group 2 (with Flying Fox expert Jessi Jean Drew-Smythe) Location: Lawn area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Flying Fox ecology/anatomy (preferably with an education animal) to learn about their needs, habitat, adaptations, threats to their survival etc • Discuss follow up ideas / activities to help conserve the species. <p>Groups 3 (with OHEEC Staff) Location: Lawn area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete flying fox visual art activities including observations of preserved specimens • Propagate a native plant in a paper pot to take back to school to help improve biodiversity for native animals
11.00 - 11.30	Morning tea (picnic and BBQ area)
11.30 - 12.15	Second rotation
12.15 – 1.00	Third rotation
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch
2.00pm	Depart for school