



**Evelyn
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School**

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BIRRIGAI - WOMBAT SONGLINES

DESCRIPTION:

Evelyn Scott School preschool learners will be attending Birrigai's very exciting Early Childhood Wombat Songlines Program. This program is aimed at integrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures, while connecting preschool learners to Ngunawal Country. Preschoolers will be taught a song about a wombat's journey to guide their own travel and learning on Ngunawal Country. They will develop an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, sharing traditions through the concept of Songlines. Our learners will discover how reading Country can tell us about changes in weather and how the local plants can help us when we are hurt or sick, and how we care for Country. We will celebrate our new knowledge by cooking and sharing stories around a campfire.

EXCURSION DATES:	Tuesday 17 June 2025 - Kookaburras & Rosellas Friday 20 June 2025 - Reed Warblers and Wedge Tailed Eagles
VENUE:	Birrigai - 164 Tidbinbilla Road, Tharwa ACT
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:	Preschool learners will travel to and from Birrigai via charter bus
DEPARTURE & RETURN TIMES:	Departing ESS preschool at 9:30am Returning to ESS preschool at 2:30pm
COST:	\$15 per learner, includes program and bus transport
LEARNERS ATTENDING:	All learners at Evelyn Scott preschool will attend the event
STAFF ATTENDING:	Preschool teachers Jo Stratton and Nikki Ross plus Learning Support Assistants: Tshering Yangchen, Carole Santinon, Lochie Skehan, Belinda Sandeman
WHAT TO BRING:	Preschool learners will need to wear fully enclosed shoes and warm clothing for the day. They will bring their packed morning snack, lunch and refillable water bottles with them.
NOTE & PAYMENT DUE BY:	Please return signed permission notes and payment by: Friday 30 May 2025 . Signed permission is required for learners to attend. There will be no alternative program at ESS preschool on these days if you do not want your child to attend this excursion.

The ESS preschool team may require the support of parent/carer volunteers to accompany us on these excursions. The classroom teachers will make contact if this is required.

Please note that if the minimum number of permission notes are not returned by the due date listed, this excursion may be canceled. In this circumstance, families will be notified via email.

Code of Conduct and Parental Agreements:

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Unacceptable behaviour will be treated as it is normally treated at school, (reminders, time out in a designated spot, and exclusion from an activity) but with the additional factor that the student may be returned to school should the behaviour be extreme or overly persistent. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.

Kind regards,

Evelyn Scott Preschool Team - Jo Stratton & Nikki Ross

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Student Name: _____ Class: _____

If you consent to your child attending the above excursion please check the appropriate boxes:

I have read and understand the attached information page for the event/excursion and I consent to the payment and travel arrangements

I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this excursion mentioned previously

I have discussed with my child the need for expected behaviour on this excursion

I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child attending this excursion

The [Medical Information and consent form](#) only needs to be completed once/year prior to the first excursion unless there are changes to the details on this form. Please confirm you have returned this form for your child this year

My child requires medication to be administered during the excursion

If you checked the box above regarding the administration of medication, please complete a [Medication Authorisation and Administration Record](#) (available through the front office)

Please indicate below if there is additional information required to support your child's participation in this excursion?

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Excursion Payment Options

- Pay via Parent Portal (Ezidebit platform)
- Pay via QuickWeb on the Evelyn Scott School website: <https://www.evelynscottschool.act.edu.au/Payment> (If paying via QuickWeb, please include the cost code: **BIRRIGAI PRESCHOOL** as a reference)
- Pay over the phone or in person by Credit Card/EFTPOS by calling the front office on 6142 3491

If you are experiencing difficulty covering the cost of this event, please contact our school's Business Manager via email: BM.ests@ed.act.edu.au for a confidential and supportive conversation.

Office Staff to complete:

Permission note returned via:	Email	Paper Form	Verbal Permission
Payment made via:	EFT/Credit Card	QuickWeb	Parent Portal
Date permission note returned:		Entered on SAS:	
Name of ESS office staff processing: _____			