

Camp Greenhills

20 - 21 June 2022



Information for Evelyn Scott School
learners in Years 3 and 4

This may be the first time you have ever been on a school camp, or it might be the first time you have ever stayed away from your parents.

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You might have some questions or worries about going to school camp and that's ok!

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We hope this information helps you prepare for the fun and exciting time you will have when you go to camp with Evelyn Scott School!

Why do we go on school camps, and what do we do when we are there?

School camps are a great opportunity for learners at Evelyn Scott School to:

- Build friendships and teamwork skills with their peers outside of school
- Go to beautiful bush locations and learn about our local natural environments
- Learn new skills and have adventures we would not normally have at school!
- Build on your self awareness, self reflection, self esteem and much more!

Some of the things you might do at Greenhills include:

Crate climbing - build your way to the top with your team by stacking crates and then climbing up the tower

Team initiatives - put your group's teamwork to the test in a series of challenges such as the 3D web

Bush Cooking - learn about responsible fire use, make your own special damper and work on perfecting your marshmallow toasting

Bush Art - spend time walking and exploring the local environment and creating artworks from materials you find in nature

Orienteering - Working in small teams, groups must crack a code by finding a series of clues throughout the site.



Questions you might want to ask about Greenhills:

Where is Greenhills and how long does it take to get there?

[Greenhills is located in Stromlo, Canberra.](#) It is close to the Cotter and Murrumbidgee Rivers. You will be travelling there on a special bus and the trip will only take about 15 minutes from Evelyn Scott School.

What happens when we first arrive?

You will put your bags in your cabins and then have a tour so you get to know where everything is before you begin your first activity!



What kinds of meals do we eat when we are staying at Greenhills?

Greenhills operates a full size commercial kitchen to cater to visiting groups. Meals are freshly prepared by and served in the special Dining Hall. Click here to see what a day of meals at Greenhills might look like: [Greenhills Menu](#)



In the dining hall, learners sit together with their friends in table groups. Teachers will help you decide where to sit, show you how to collect your meals and show you how to pack up after eating. There are COVID-safe handwashing and hand sanitising facilities.

What if I am a vegetarian, or I have food allergies ,or I have religious beliefs that mean I can't eat some kinds of food?

As long as your parents/carers have let us know on your permission note, special arrangements will be made for your meals so that they are right for you! The Greenhills team are experts at feeding hungry campers!

Can I bring my own food?

No! This is really important. Please **do not** bring lollies and snacks or sneak extra food to camp. There is no need for you to bring extra food because you will have plenty to eat while you are there. Food that is in your bag may also attract unwanted visitors like mice to your cabin! Some of your cabin mates may also have allergies you are not aware of.

If you do bring other food to camp, one of your teachers will keep it safe and return it to you when you get back to school.

What if I have medicine that I need to take when I am at camp?

Your parents/carers will have let us know on your permission note if you need to take any medicine while you are at camp. Your teachers will look after it and make sure you take it on time!

Where do we be sleep when we are at Greenhills?

Learners sleep in cabins that usually have 4 to 6 beds per room. Usually these are bunk beds. Learners bring their own pillow and sleeping bag (or quilt and bed sheet).



Sometimes I need a special blanket, stuffed toy or bed time item to help me sleep. Can I bring it to camp?

Yes! Of course you can! Please let your teacher know before camp what item/s you would like to bring so they can make sure it is suitable and help you to keep it safe while you are at camp.

When is bedtime and what happens if I can't get to sleep?

- The usual bedtime at Greenhills is sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 pm
- After dinner, you will get to have quiet time and your teachers will tell you when it is bedtime. They will also be there to talk to if you have any worries or troubles getting to sleep
- After a full day of fun activities we think your body will be ready to rest!

Who will be in my cabin with me? Can I choose?

- Before heading to camp, your teachers will work together to plan and decide who will share a cabin with you
- You will be placed with a buddy and with peers who will be “good fit” cabin mates for you!
- If you have any worries or problems in your cabin, the teachers will help you to work them out!
- If you have special requests, please ask your parents/carers to contact the school before the camp to discuss them with the camp coordinator, Ross Dennis

Can I bring my mobile phone or device to camp?

No. Learners are not allowed to have phones or electronic devices while on camp. You will be too busy enjoying nature and participating in fun activities and will not need a device to entertain you or communicate with others! If learners bring devices to camp, teachers will keep the devices safely locked away and they will be returned once the bus arrives back at school.

What if I need to speak to my parents?

If you need to talk to your parents/carers, teachers will help you and if your parents/carers need to contact you, they will be able to call the Greenhills phone number which is:
(02) 6288 1074.

What about toilets and showers?

There are lots of toilets at Greenhills for when you need to use them. They are in your cabins, next to the dining hall and in the main building.

You will be able to use the private, lockable showers inside the cabins. If you have any worries about this, please ask your parents/carers to contact our camp coordinator, Ross Dennis.



Your contacts for 2022 Greenhills camp are:



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Greenhills Centre is really looking forward to meeting learners from Evelyn Scott School!



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