

MAROON OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE



Learning on Country Program Booking

EVERY STUDENT REAL ADVENTURE REAL ACHIEVEMENT LEARNING OUTDOORS

Maroon OEC is a Department of Education school that values learning through community living and active engagement in camping, bushwalking, team building, aquatics and high challenge activities. Programs assist students to develop their Personal and Social Capabilities and Critical and Creative Thinking Capabilities.

All programs are collaboratively developed between the school and Maroon OEC. Learning opportunities are selected and sequenced to provide the flexibility to respond to the emerging needs of the students and the conditions.

Booking priority is given to Department of Education schools that commit to a 4 or 5 day program including camping as a core activity.

Learning on Country program

This program has a deep focus on the Connection Core Learning area and brings into focus indigenous perspectives and world views.

There is an emphasis on nature centred rather than human centred values. The program is aimed at connecting students with the world around them and helping them to understand their place in it.

As a part of this program students will be taken on a journey of discovery using indigenous stories, traditional activities, bushcraft and reflection.

Every program contains:

- An introductory session to allow the teachers and students to explore individual strengths and capabilities.
- Reflection activities in the final session and at appropriate times during the program.

Five-day Learning on Country programs offer:

- Two or three night campouts, team building activities and cultural activities during campout.

Four-day Learning on Country programs offer:

- Two night campout, team building activities and cultural activities during campout.

Note that because campout is a core component of the Learning on Country program it is not available as a 3 day booking.

Booking Application Notes:

- The most popular booking times are the second half of Term 1, the beginning of Term 2 and the end of Term 2.
- Applications for times outside of popular times are more likely to be successful.
- Booking applications for 2022 are open during Term 2 until Friday 18th June.
- Booking offers will be made in Term 3, 2021.
- Successful applicant schools will receive a booking offer, which is secured when the booking offer has been signed by your Principal, returned and the 15% deposit has been paid.

Booking Conditions

To maintain our focus on learning and safety we require schools to commit to the following **booking conditions**:

1. Prepare all staff and students for an active, outdoor, educational program.

It is essential that schools work with their Maroon OEC coordinator to prepare the school community for the demands of the program, and provide timely advice to allow for adjustments in program that are responsive to the nature of the school community.

2. Campout

Campout is a rich and real learning experience for staff and students. Maroon OEC is committed to the value of campout and this is reflected in prioritising the acceptance of booking applications that include campout.

3. Distribution of information

Schools must use and distribute all Maroon OEC information to students, parents and teachers. This information allows students, parents / guardians and teachers to make a considered decision regarding their participation in a Maroon OEC program. The school must use our planning process and student management tool as outlined on the camp planning page of the [Maroon OEC website](#).

4. Accompanying Teachers and Adults

Maroon OEC requires schools to **bring one teacher for each group of 24 students** (24 is the maximum group size) and **sufficient extra staff to meet the needs of the students and the demands of the program. Schools are required to bring a minimum of 1 extra teacher who will assume the role of school coordinator.** The school coordinator must attend the entire camp program. Schools should bring no more than 2 adults for each group of 24 students except in special circumstances.

5. Co-ordinator Workshop

It is expected that school coordinators for 2022 will participate in the Maroon OEC Coordinator's Workshop. The aim of this workshop is to familiarise teachers with facilities, risk management, operating procedures, responsibilities and educational opportunities offered through Maroon OEC.

6. Accurate Numbers

Maroon OEC conducts its bookings process up to 18 months in advance. We rely on schools to inform us as early as possible of any significant change in student numbers. **Final student numbers, medical synopsis and dietary requirements must be provided to the Centre no later than 7 days prior to camp.**

7. Fees and Charges

Students are charged a fee for each day, each night and each meal.

- Schools will be charged the full program fee for all students that attend Maroon OEC, unless late arrivals or early departures are advised more than 7 days in advance.
- A Vocational Education and Training fee of \$50/student will be added to VET programs.
- Fees for additional cleaning and damage repairs will be charged to the school if required.
- An administration fee of **\$250** will be charged to schools who **do not submit final student numbers, medical and dietary information on time.**
- Booking deposits and program fees will be direct debited (swept) from the school bank account.

8. Deposit

A deposit of 15% of the total cost of the program is required to be paid before the booking offer is secured. If your school brings fewer students than the booking number, Maroon OEC will retain a corresponding percentage of the deposit. For example: If a school books for 100 students and only 75 attend, 75% of the deposit will be deducted from the invoice total and Maroon OEC will retain 25% of the deposit.

9. Booking Changes and Cancellations

Maroon OEC is to be advised of any requested booking changes or possible cancellations at least 1 full term before camp. Maroon OEC reserves the right to retain the full deposit if your school cancels or requests a change to the number of students or the length of the program. Your school's Principal can apply to the Maroon OEC Principal to refund the deposit in full because of extenuating circumstances.

10. Submission

Booking applications for 2022 are open during Term 2 until Friday 18th June. Booking offers will be made in Term 3, 2021. Successful applicant schools will receive a booking offer, which is secured when the booking offer has been signed by your Principal, returned and the full deposit has been paid.

If you require additional information contact the Deputy Principal, Maroon Outdoor Education Centre via e-mail deputyprincipal@maroonoec.eq.edu.au or phone (07) 5463 6333.

Learning on Country Student Program Booking Application 2022



School: **Phone:**

Name of Co-ordinator:

Email Address:

Year Level of Students:.....

Anticipated Numbers: **students** **staff**
Maximum capacity is 168 students

Number of Groups:
Maximum group size is 24 students

Preferred Dates:

Order of Preference	Term	Week	Date
1.			
2.			
3.			
<i>Details of unacceptable times?</i>			

Learning on Country Program

Select the program duration, campout duration and number of student groups.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Days / 4 Nights
3 night campout _____ groups
2 night campout _____ groups | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Days / 3 Nights
2 night campout _____ groups |
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Other information:

Principal's Verification:

- I hereby apply to Maroon OEC for a booking for this school according to the information contained in the above form.
- The school program coordinator and Principal are aware of, and accept the Centre's booking conditions.
- I authorise Maroon OEC to direct debit the school bank account for the program deposit and program fees.

Signed:

Name:

Date: