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Accommodation Centre

School Camps Teachers Pack

 **poppies on the hill**
at Bunya Accommodation Centre, Dandabah *Cafe*

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Introduction - Welcome to the Bunya Mountains



Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre offers a memorable experience to remain in the minds of the young for many years to come. We've been providing the experience for nearly 30 years. Bunya Mountains National Park is a spiritual, untouched dinosaur playground just ready for growing young minds.

Getting Ready for Camp

Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre located 110km north-west of Toowoomba, adjacent to the Bunya Mountains National Park which is home to the world's largest and oldest surviving forest of Bunya pines. It is estimated that some of these pines are 600 years old and 25 metres tall. It is truly a forest of ancient giants.

For over 20 years Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre has hosted many school camps within its stunning 22.7 acre property, sharing the splendour of a rainforest which began in the Jurassic period. Socialisation, experiences and fun are inherent benefits of all our school camps.

At Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre, our goal is to make your camp a valuable learning experience for all students, teachers and supervisors. The opportunities are endless when it comes to exploring and development, we call them 'invaluable life skills' and there are many exciting opportunities to create programs and activities tailored to suit your educational objectives and your students' needs.

Please feel free to contact our Accommodation Centre 'group's coordinator' during the preparation of your camp to discuss the needs and objectives of your trip. You may find use of our facilities available helpful for understanding how to put together a suitable program. We are only too happy to assist.

What you need to know

We understand school camps should empower our younger generation and the investment of your time and commitment in taking students out of the traditional classroom format should be rewarded with inspirational life experiences. At Bunya Mountains Accommodation centre you can expect to see students find themselves in nature, have greater self-awareness and understanding of the environment we live and recognise their strengths and weaknesses and aspirations within the context of their place in a community. Let us work with you to enrich the lives of your students and their teachers alike.

What to Bring

Expect 4 distinct seasons at Bunya Mountains, where temperatures range between 0 - 30 degrees, overall 5 - 10 degrees cooler than surrounding plains. Always pack warm clothing even in summer as nights can get cold. Here's a handy list of what we suggest you pack:

- Shorts and t-shirts (no sleeveless shirts, to promote sun-safety)
- Jeans
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants
- Raincoat
- Underwear
- Swim wear
- Two towels
- Pillowcase, sleeping bag or doona and sheets (single bed)
- Two pairs of running shoes (one pair suitable for water activities)
- Sun hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Torch
- Toiletries (including soap) and insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Water bottle
- Alarm clock
- First aid kit
- Day-backpack
- Camera

Handy Tip: Please label all items clearly.

Students are not encouraged to bring money or any valuables.

Security and Welfare

Your safety and welfare is our highest priority. Please find below details regarding our accommodation quality assurance guidelines and compliance

- Bunk beds meet latest Australian safety standards
- Chalets are clean and well maintained
- Grounds are well maintained and regularly mown
- Drinking water (tank water) passes through a UV treatment system
- Commercial kitchen is fully licensed
- Appropriate chimney cleaning is carried out yearly
- Log fire operation and safety details are available in each chalet via a Compendium folder
- Smoke detector and safety switch testing is carried out annually by a qualified Electrician
- Fire blankets and extinguishers are maintained and checked regularly
- Fire procedure details are available in each chalet and there is a designated assembly point on the property appropriately signposted.
- Public Liability insurance is current and recommendations from a recent insurance assessment have been carried out.



Getting there by road, the Bunya Mountains are:-

- 45 mins from Kingaroy, Dalby and Nanango
- 90 mins from Toowoomba
- 2 hours' drive from Caboolture
- 2½ – 3 hours' drive from Brisbane or the Sunshine Coast
- 4 hours from the Gold Coast or Hervey Bay

The following directions will get you to Bunya Mountains via the shortest route.

From North/East Brisbane:

From Bruce Highway take Caboolture – Kilcoy turnoff and follow D'Aguilar Highway through Woodford; Kilcoy; Moore; Blackbutt to Yarraman. See directions from Yarraman.

From West / South Brisbane:

From Ipswich Road take Toowoomba turn off. At Toowoomba follow the Dalby signs along the Warrigo Highway. See directions from Toowoomba.

From Kingaroy

Take the Dalby road. Turn left at the Bunya Mountains sign. Climb the Mountain, follow the top of the range for approx. 10kms. You'll pass Burtons Well Camping Area; Cherry Plains, Westcott and Paradise Falls Car Park. Turn left signposted Dandabah. If you get to the TV towers you have missed the Dandabah turnoff which is Bunya Avenue.

From Yarraman

Turn left onto the New England Highway heading for Cooyar – Toowoomba. Drive 21kms; turn right signposted Maidenwell – Bunya Mountains. Turn left at the Maidenwell Pub onto Bunya Mountains Road. There is 4kms of unsealed section on this route. When you arrive at the top of the mountain, turn right towards Dandabah. 1.2 km past TV towers turn right into Bunya Avenue.

From Toowoomba

At Jondaryan turn right at the Bunya Mountains turn-off. Follow signs to Bunya Mountains via Quinalow and left at Maclagan. There is 4 km of gravel road on this route.

From Dalby

Travel towards Kingaroy. Whilst still in Dalby's 60km zone; take Kaimkillenbun turnoff (right). Follow the signs to Bunya Mountains.

The Bunya Mountains Accommodation Office

At the top of the range pass the TV towers on your right. Approx. 1.2km from TV Towers turn right into Bunya Avenue (signposted Dandabah). Our office is located approx. ½ km on the right hand side opposite Dandabah Camping Area.

Getting the most out of camp

The Bunya Mountains is like an island surrounded by plains and cleared farming land. It is a refuge of biodiversity, harbouring ancient species, distinct plant and animal communities and more than 30 rare and threatened species.

There are more than 32 kilometres of walking tracks in the park each with its own journey and unique story. Meander along the Mount Kiangaroo (1135m) track and find yourself on the highest point on the Bunya Mountains. From the summit survey the park's great expanses and contemplate the wonder of the surrounding countryside. Or enjoy a self-guided nature walk along Bunya Bunya Circuit where you will be introduced to the mountains' history, its residents and its wildlife.

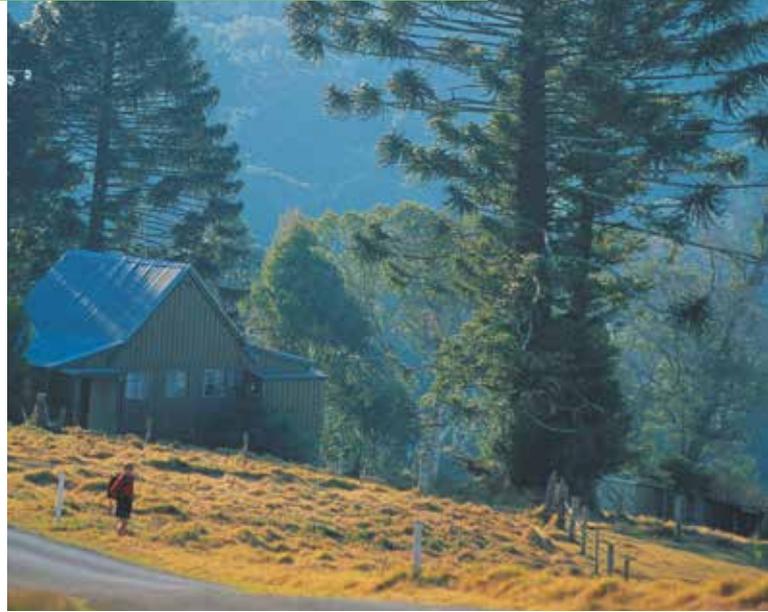
Note; (National Park Ranger lead walks, camp fire programs and special children's activities may be available with prior notice).

Wildlife encounters

Enjoy the symphony of sounds from the parks 120+ species of birds including the very rare Sooty and Powerful owl (if you are very lucky). Hear the 'crying baby' calls of green catbirds, raucous 'yaas' of paradise riflebirds and 'whip-crack' calls of eastern whipbirds. See flocks of topknot pigeons feeding at fig trees and colourful crimson rosellas inside the rainforest or at its edge. Be scolded by noisy yellow-throated scrubwrens, stalked by a bold brush turkey or amazed by a satin bowerbird tending to his highly decorated bower. Shy black-breasted button-quails (Considered vulnerable to extinct), live in dense scrubs; their dish shaped scrapes in the dirt a tell-tale sign that these secretive birds have been searching for food on the forest floor.

Sometimes you will hear the 'walk-to-work' call of noisy pittas, or see the piles of broken land snail shells the pittas have feasted from before. With more than 200 amphibian, reptilian and marsupials calling the Bunyas home, you are guaranteed of being delighted by the antics of baby pademelons peaking mischievously from the safety of other's pouch. Or take torchlight night walk and you may encounter the Bunya Mountains very own possum sub-species (*Pseudocheirus peregrinus rubidus*). Another marsupial you may encounter is the short-eared brush-tailed possum (*Trichosaurus caninus*), which seems to have lost much of its shyness of man.

During the summer months, the great barred frog (*Myxophyes iteratus*), can also be seen in the camping area. It has black bars on the insides of its back legs and emits a loud 'wok' or 'quark' call. During the warmer months of the year, chocolate wattled bats (*Chalinolobus morio*), emerge just after dark from the walls and roof of the old timber school house at Dandabah to feed upon insects on and around the mountains. This is Australia's largest known maternity colony of chocolate wattled bats. About 24 different bat species have been recorded at the Bunya Mountains, including little pied bats (*Chalinolobus picatus*), and golden-tipped bats (*Kerivoula papuensis*)...both considered rare.



Activities

There is an abundance of things to see and do at Bunya Mountains we suggest visiting our website for more informative fact sheets on birdlife, wildlife, flora and fauna. Each season brings its own unique charm. A few suggestions on Activities for your students may include;

Day Activities (free)

- Self-guided walks through the National Park (signed walking tracks ranging from 500 – 10km)
- Tennis, Volley Ball (incl. net) and Games room with Pool Table, Table Tennis
- Cricket or other outdoor games (there are plenty of grassy areas ideal for many ball games)

Evening / Night Activities (free)

- Sunset walk - Teacher guided walk to Fishers Lookout to admire the sunset on dusk and see the lights of Dalby, Oakey and Toowoomba come on as it gets dark (at the lookout you will see a dial showing directions of surrounding cities and towns from Bunya Mountains)
- Nocturnal Walk – after dinner Spotlight walks led by schools nominated teacher to see the nocturnal wildlife and animals along the Bunya Avenue and Bunya Mountains Road. (Students recommended to each bring a torch)
- Star Gazing – look up and admire the myriad of stars that adorn our night sky with your very own night watching equipment (bring your own, binoculars or telescope if you have one)!

Night Activities (charges apply)

- Camp fire with billy tea and damper

Things to do around Bunya Mountains

There are many things to do around Bunya Mountains within an easy 30 – 45min drive, these include visiting the stunning Coomba Falls a popular swimming area for visitors or take a journey into the night sky and visit the Astrological Observatory near Maidenwell. Please let us know if you require any assistance in planning any off site visits during your stay.

Camp rules

We want everyone to have a positive camp experience so it is important to us that students and teachers are aware of camp rules and standards of behaviour both for their own experience and that of our other visitors and guests. These will be explained on arrival welcome to Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre. The responsibility and discipline of students will lie primarily with the school and primary care givers, who will be consulted in the event that any disciplinary action may be required.



General information and packages



Accommodation

Accommodation is at The Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centres very own school camp facilities. This precinct is positioned on 22 ½ hectares near the tiny settlement of 'Dandabah' and within strolling distance of the Bunya Mountains National Park. To assist us with offering the best price possible to schools, we kindly request facilities are tidied prior to departure. However, if the school wishes we will gladly offer tidying and cleaning services for an added cost.

Cost (Combined with the catering package)

\$35 per night per adults

\$25 per night per student (primary or secondary)

Minimum stay is two nights

Cost (accommodation only)

As per our standard accommodation rates – please refer to brochure or our web site.

	Mirrabooka 3 bedrooms*	Warrigal 3 bedrooms*	Toolburra 4 bedrooms*	Oodgeroo 4 bedrooms*	Tuggan-Tuggan 4 bedrooms*	Mai 4 bedrooms*
Log Fire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Television	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Video/DVD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Queen bed	1	1	1	1	1	1
Double bed	2	2	2	2	2	2
Single bed	2	2	2	2	2	2
Single bunk			7	7	7	7
Total Sleeping	5-8 people	5-8 people	19-22 people	19-22 people	19-22 people	19-22 people

*Doonahs and pillows are provided for every bed. Please bring your own sheets, pillowcase and towel.

Catering



Catering costs are based on a hot and cold breakfast, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, two course dinner. All meals are prepared fresh, using only quality ingredients. Catering for special food requirements is also available given adequate prior notice. To assist us with keeping costs down, we kindly request students help set up and clean up after each meal. All meals are served with water, juice/cordial, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$50.30 per person per day for groups of 20-50

\$48.00 per person per day for groups of 51-70

\$45.50 per person per day for groups of 71 or more students (up to 10 teachers catered FREE)

Prices may change on 1st July in any given year in line with CPI increases

Cold Breakfast	Hot Breakfast* Please choose one only	Lunch Please choose one only	Main Meal Please choose one only	Dessert Please choose one only
Assorted breakfast cereals	Scrambled/fried eggs and bacon	Hot dogs	Lasagne	Chocolate Mousse with cream
Milk	Scrambled/fried eggs and sausages	Hamburger rolls with cold meat and salad	Pasta (Bolognese or Carbonara)	Sticky date pudding and custard
Toast, jams and butter	Pancakes and maple syrup	Sausage sizzle	Pizza	Apple pie and ice cream
Fresh fruit	Croissants with ham, cheese and tomato	Mixed sandwiches	Roast (Pork, Chicken or Beef)	Pavlova topped with fresh fruit and cream
Yoghurt	Hash browns with cheese and tomato melts	Toasted ham, cheese and tomato sandwiches	BBQ (Steak, sausages, potato and garlic bread)	Chocolate self-saucing pudding and custard
Juice, coffee and tea	*plus continental breakfast	Sausage rolls	Chicken Parmigiana	Fruit salad and ice cream
		Fresh fruit	Meat Pie with spicy tomato salsa	



The Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre Conference Hall is located on 22 ½ hectares near the tiny settlement of 'Dandabah' and within strolling distance of the Bunya Mountains National Park. The venue is well equipped and will comfortably seat up to 100 people. Conference Hall facilities include:

- Data projector and screen
- Electronic whiteboard
- Whiteboards
- Overhead projectors
- 50inch plasma TV (wall mounted)
- DVD player
- CD/Cassette/Radio player with mp3 dock
- Microphone and stand
- Lectern
- Piano
- Telephone, fax and photocopier are also available at the office.
- Chairs and tables

Cost \$400 per day

Please note: if you are utilizing our catering and accommodation package the daily cost of hall hire is waived. (Prices are from 1st July 2014 and may increase by cpi each year).

Thank you for providing such a beautiful learning experience. You always treated the students with such a high level of respect and in return they opened their eyes, ears and hearts. I also opened mine. You taught me just how strong I can be professionally in the midst of personal crisis. That resource is priceless.

SPRINGWOOD STATE SCHOOL

The attention to safety was excellent. This camp was great and fulfilled the purposes we wanted. Staff created a friendly and caring/supportive and accepting environment to our group...having done many of these camps, you have a lot to offer in a comfortable environment.

HILLCREST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Thank you for all your efforts in feeding and looking after us – as always BEAUTIFUL!

SOUTH BURNETT CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Booking information, terms and conditions for school groups

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 9pm on Friday. If you are arriving outside these hours, please advise us so we can make alternative arrangements.

CHECK-IN LOCATION: From Bunya Mountains Road turn into Bunya Avenue at 'Dandabah' sign. The office is located 500-metres along Bunya Avenue, opposite to the 'Dandabah' camping area. Look for sign 'Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre' and the Australian Flag at our entrance.

BOOKINGS: Enquiries and bookings for school camps should be made directly through the office by phoning (07) 4668 3126.

PAYMENT METHODS: We accept Cheque, EFTPOS, Direct Deposit,

DEPOSITS and CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING: To confirm your booking we require a non-refundable deposit of 10% of the total cost of your school camp to be received within fourteen (14) days of the booking being made

Please pay the balance within 7 days of receiving our invoice.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Sheets (or a sleeping bag), pillowcase, towels and personal toiletries.
- Cool weather clothing is essential, as the mountain is 5-10 degrees cooler than the surrounding plains.
- Fire starters and matches.

DOCTOR/HOSPITAL: There is no doctor surgery available on the mountain. The nearest hospitals are at Dalby – (07) 4669 0555 or Kingaroy – (07) 4162 9200. A first aid cabinet is available at the Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre office.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURE: Please leave all beds tidy; floors swept; all crockery and cutlery washed, dried and put away; rubbish taken to the industrial bin to the south of your chalet; BBQ cleaned; furniture returned to its original position. Thank you.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR BREAKAGES: Will be added to your account.

FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS: Please keep fire door closed at all times. The ASH BINS provided are for cool ash (not rubbish). An outdoor bonfire can be negotiated with management during low-threat fire seasons. Please ask for a quote to supply and set up the wood ready for lighting.

LOST PROPERTY: We will do our best to collect and return lost property to your school via a 'COD' (Cash on Delivery) arrangement.

NOISE: Schools accept that all music and other loud noise must cease by 11pm

WOOD CHOPPING: Wood is provided in block form only. A splitter is also provided.

OFFICE FACILITIES: Fax and photocopying services are available at the office. Fees may apply.

GAS BBQ BOTTLE PROCEDURE: Please exchange your empty gas cylinder at the office during office hours

MOBILE PHONE ACCESS: Due to the remote location of our property mobile phone reception is limited, however there is access in some areas, please speak to one of our friendly staff for any assistance.

Note; Parents and Teachers can be contacted at the Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre during business hours *9am – 5pm (Mon – Thurs) on 07 4668 3126 or send a message via email to info@bunyamountains.com.au

FEEDBACK: Your feedback is important to us. We value your comments as this will assist us in improving the experience for future camps. A survey will be provided for you to review us. Please also visit us online at Facebook facebook.com/bunyamountains or TripAdvisor and let us know about your experience.