

Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre



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Information for Parents - COVID-19 Term 3 2022

Boyne Island EEC is a day visit and residential environmental education facility that is operated by the Queensland Department of Education. Our centre is committed to providing high quality and safe outdoor learning opportunities for students. The following information outlines the current Covid-19 requirements for a residential program at BIEEC.

1. Overview

- Schools could consider providing RATs to families and staff to administer before attending camps to reduce the risk of students and staff becoming ill while away from the school site.
- Students, teachers and other adults **MUST NOT** attend if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- A person develops Covid-like symptoms while on camp will be isolated and collected from camp by family or friends. PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS REQUIREMENT
- Staff or students who have shared a cabin, tent or room with a confirmed positive case might be considered a close contact and be required to test and quarantine.
- Parents and carers are welcome on school sites and are not required to be fully vaccinated.
- Visitors, parents or carers attending a school site to work or volunteer must be fully vaccinated.
- Masks are not required to be worn. Students, staff and visitors are welcome to wear a mask.

2. Students, teachers and other adults **MUST NOT** attend if they have;

- Symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 72 hours including; fever, cough, sore throat, headache, distorted sense of taste, shortness of breath, chills, vomiting or any cold/flu like symptoms
- Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 7 days

3. A person develops Covid-like symptoms while on camp:

- The person will be immediately isolated in a safe place.
- Arrangements will be made for the person to be collected from camp by family or friends. PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS REQUIREMENT
- The person will be asked to get tested and to inform the school and BIEEC of the result as soon as possible.

4. Close contacts:

- Staff or students who have shared accommodation with a person who tests positive will be considered a household-like close contact.
- In the 7 days after becoming a close contact the person, with no symptoms, will need to:
 - i. wear a face mask while inside, including when outdoors if they cannot physically distance
 - ii. be monitored for symptoms of COVID.
- A person who is a close contact and develops COVID-19 symptoms, will be immediately isolated in a safe place and arrangements will be made for the person to be collected from camp by family or friends. PARENTS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS REQUIREMENT
- It is recommended that the close contact undertakes a COVID-19 test on the first day, and every second day (e.g. days 2, 4, and 6) until they are no longer a close contact. BIEEC can support the students to test with parent/guardian consent. Students may be sent home at the BIEEC Principal's discretion





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5. Accommodation records:

- Cabin lists will be kept by BIEEC
- BIEEC teachers will record and keep a copy of tent groups.
- 4 students can be allocated per cabin bedroom.
- Sharing of toilet and bathroom facilities is permitted between different client groups.
- Adults and students must bring their own pillow and linen.
- Adults should not share a tent.

6. Visitors on school sites:

- Visitors attending a school site to work or volunteer must be fully vaccinated.
- You will be asked to check in via the "Check In Qld app" for contact tracing purposes.

7. Parents and carers:

- Parents and carers are welcome on school sites and are not required to be fully vaccinated.
- You will be asked to check in via the "Check In Qld app" for contact tracing purposes.
- Parents or carers who are working or volunteering at BIEEC must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Gabriel

Principal

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