

Excursion Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following details relate to a science excursion to **Questacon** which is being organised for **students in Year 9**.

Name of Excursion	Year 9 Questacon Excursion
Purpose/Information	<p>As part of their learning about light and waves, Year 9 Science students will have the opportunity to visit Questacon in Barton. During this excursion, students will explore the <i>Illuminate: How Science Comes to Light</i> exhibition, where they will observe how light behaves, where it comes from, how it reflects and refracts, and the tools humans have created to harness its power.</p> <p>In addition, students will have the opportunity to explore the public galleries and watch a live Spectacular Science Show, further showcasing the wonders of science and technology.</p>
Date	Friday, 27 March 2026 (Week 9, Term 1)
Time	Depart School: 10:50 am Return to School: 2.30 pm
Transport	Charter Bus
Venue/Location	Questacon, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to <i>Illuminate: How Science Comes to Light</i> exhibition • Self-guided tour through Questacon galleries • Optional Spectacular Science Show
Teacher in Charge	Isabella Zlabur
Anticipated number of students and staff ratio	Total Students: 100 Total Staff: 6 Staff to Student Ratio: [1:20]
Contingency	In the event of excursion cancellation, students will attend their usual scheduled classes at school.
Cost	\$24 (Transport and Entry) No Cash payments, Sentral Pay by EziDebit or Card (In person) are the only forms of payment
Due Date	Monday, 16 March 2026 (Week 8, Term 1) Places on this excursion are limited to the first 100 students who return their permission note.
Staff Attending	Science Teachers & Staff
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure student safety, it is mandatory for all students to wear full school uniform and enclosed shoes. • Due to limited storage at the venue, student bags will be stored securely at school. Students should only bring a water bottle and a snack in a labelled ziplock bag. Please note that students will not have access to the café; however, several food breaks have been scheduled throughout the day to ensure students remain refreshed. • Chromebook devices are not required and should not be brought to Questacon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile phones should be left at home, as outlined in ACT school mobile phone policy.
Excursion Risk Assessment	Available at the front office
Behavioural Expectations	Students are expected to demonstrate our school PBL Behaviour Expectations of being a Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learner at all times.

The school has made every effort to keep cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or students can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the excursion with the Business Manager or Principal.

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. 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,

Isabella Zlabur

Excursion Permission Note

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I give permission for my child _____ (full name) in year _____ to attend the Amaroo School excursion to **Questacon on Friday, 27 March 2026** travelling by **charter bus** and other details as outlined in the Excursion Information for Parents (including contingency plans).

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.

I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency. Parents/carers are responsible for ambulance costs outside the ACT.

The **Medical Information and Consent Form** is required to be completed annually, at the start of the school year, and prior to the first excursion. Please update and inform the school of any changes in your child's medical details as they occur.

Are there any changes since you last completed the Medical Information and Consent form?

Yes **No**

*If yes, an updated **Medical Information and Consent Form** is required to be completed (available through the front office).*

Will your child require medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g. allergy medication, pain relief)?

Yes **No**

*If yes, please complete a **Medication Authorisation and Administration Record** (available through the front office).*

Is there any additional information you need to provide to support your child's participation in this excursion?

Yes **No**

If yes, please provide these details:

Name of Parent/Carer: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Payment Slip

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I am paying the amount of \$24

Student Name: _____

Payment options:

- via **Parent Portal / SentralPay (link via email)**
- EFTPOS** at the school office

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (the Directorate). This information is necessary for us to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose. Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website (education.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.

The school has made every effort to keep costs for this event at a reasonable level. The school requests parents and carers to make a voluntary financial contribution towards meeting the cost of your child's participation in this event.

We have a student support and school equity fund, which can be used to provide financial assistance for students where parents are unable to make the requested contribution. If however, there is insufficient total funding available to meet the cost of the program/camp/excursion, regrettably we may not be able to proceed. Please contact the Business Manager or Principal if you would like financial assistance for your child/children.