

Excursion Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following details relate to an excursion to The Secondary Cross Country which is being organised for Amaroo Secondary School Years 7-10

Name of Excursion	Secondary Cross Country
Purpose/Information	The 2026 Cross Country Carnival will be a celebration of physical activity. Students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to complete their age-appropriate distance after using their HPE classes to develop their aerobic capacity. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in various activities for House Points.
Date	Wednesday, 6 May 2026 (Week 3, Term 2)
Time	Depart Amaroo School 9:30 am (students will go to the courts after AmCares to catch the buses). Return to Amaroo School 2:15pm (students will go to designated areas upon arriving to school).
Transport	Charter Bus
Venue/Location	Stromlo Forest Park
Activities	Cross Country Running, Novelty Games, Spikeball, Relays.
Teacher in Charge	Ellie Thurston and Julian Fior
Anticipated number of students and staff ratio	Total Students: 500 students approx.. Secondary staff 1 teacher per class
Contingency	Stromlo Forest Park is an all-weather venue however, if the Cross Country Carnival needs to be cancelled, student times from their Physical Education classes will be used to select students for the Regional Cross Country event.
Cost	\$13.00 (Entry and Transport) No Cash payments, Sentral Pay by EziDebit or Card (In person) are the only forms of payment
Due Date	Friday, 24 April 2026 * Notes may not be accepted after this date
Staff Attending	Secondary School Staff
Additional Information	Please note that the Cross Country Carnival will replace regular classes for this day. For students unable to attend the Cross Country, a modified, alternative program will be run at school. Parents will be required to contact the school at info@amaroos.act.edu.au to inform of their child's attendance at the alternate program at school. The personal communication device policy (mobile phone) applies at all school events.

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,

Ellie Thurston and Julian Fior
Classroom Teacher/Carnival Coordinator
Amaroo School

Excursion Permission Note

Secondary Cross Country

I give permission for my child _____ in year _____ to attend the **Secondary Cross Country** excursion to **Stromlo Forrest Park** on **Wednesday, 6 May 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 \$ 13 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.