

HOLLOWAYS BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Day Visit Information



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About Us

Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre is a residential and day visit facility operated by the Queensland Department of Education providing outdoor and environmental programs for students from Year 5 to Year 12.

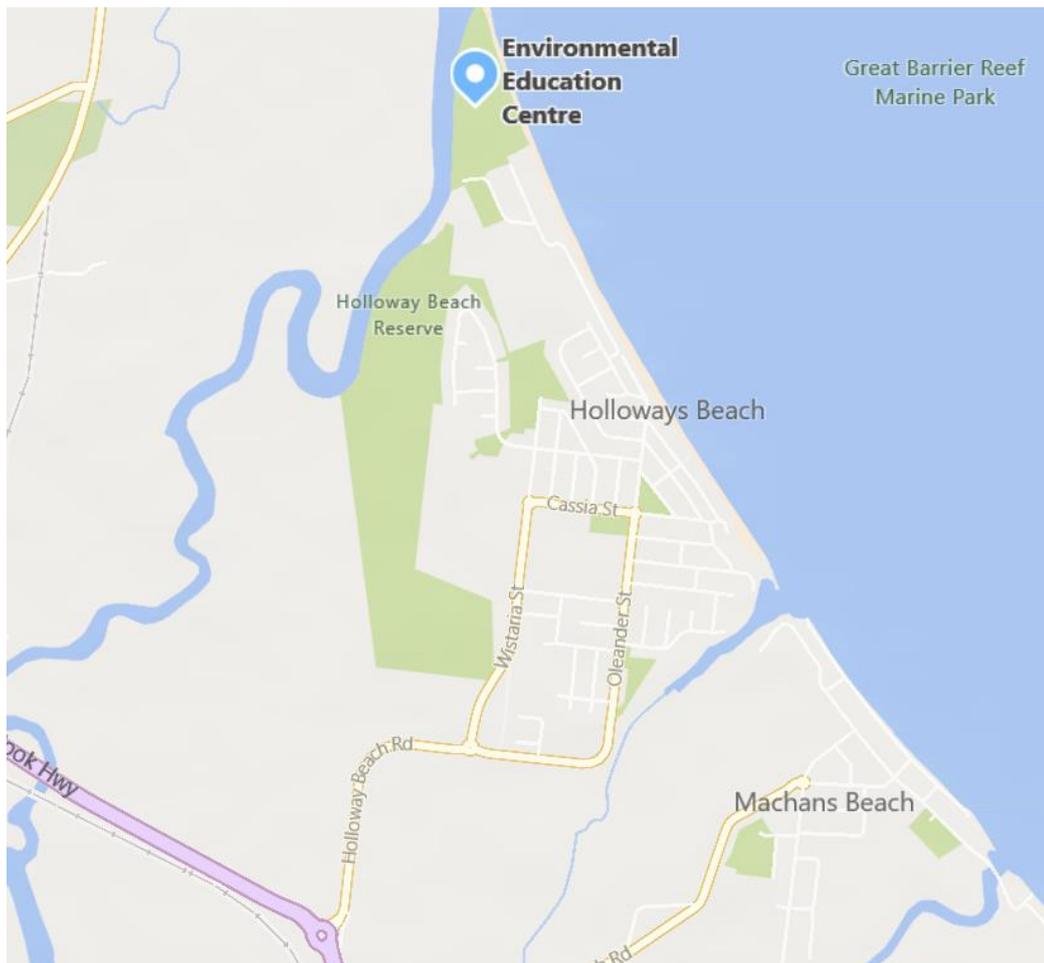
Situated 12km north of the Cairns CBD, the centre is uniquely located on 11 hectares of beach, littoral rainforest and mangrove forest.

The centre delivers quality programs aligned to the Australian curriculum utilising its unique environment and offers authentic real life learning experiences beyond the capacity of the classroom. There is a strong focus on Teambuilding and Teamwork which are important skills for 21st Century Learning. These skills also address the personal and social capabilities in the Australian Curriculum.

Our highly skilled teaching staff collaboratively plan all programs with visiting groups to achieve desired student outcomes.

Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre promotes an inclusive culture through our deep connection with our community and schools.

Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre acknowledges the Yirrganydji people, the traditional custodians of the country in which this centre is located, and pays respect to their elders past and present



Facilities and equipment

Vessels

Our Centre utilise four 4.2m vessels, skippered by HBEEC staff through which students can explore the Richters, Thomatis and Barron river estuarine system.

Equipment and Resources

Equipment and resources provided on site include: a 16 element high ropes course, aquarium, air-conditioned conference/classroom, water testing meters and a variety resources used in team building activities and team challenges.

Amenities

The amenities building comprises toilet facilities for boys and girls, outside showers and a disabled toilet.

Kitchen and eating area

A shaded undercover area is available for morning tea and lunch with a cold water bubbler, ceiling fans, bench seating and a decked seating area.

The Cost of your day Visit

The prices charged by our Centre are set in accordance with Education Queensland directives. Program costs vary depending on activities undertaken. The cost of your day visit can be calculated by visiting the [Costs and fees](#) page on our web site.

Please do not attempt to pay in advance, an invoice will be sent to your school AFTER your excursion.

Student supervision

Staff to student ratios vary with each activity. Please consult with a member of HBEEC staff to determine if additional parent helpers or school staff will be required to attend.

Behaviour Management

Staff Camp Leaders and school staff should be actively involved in the promotion of positive behaviour management and therefore assist Centre staff with situations or concerns that may arise. Refer to the HBEEC [Students Code of Conduct](#) (PDF, 360KB) for information and to view the [Student's Pledge - Code of Conduct](#).

Biting Insects – Sand flies and mosquitos

Please ensure that students, parents and carers, and any other persons attending HBEEC are aware of the mosquito and sand fly or biting midge risk. Students should bring their own supply of insect repellent and teachers should also have a supply of repellent available for students to use. Long sleeved shirts and long pants are recommended.

Sample one day programs

[High ropes and team building](#) (PDF, 341KB)

[Adaptations](#) (PDF, 362KB)

[Biology land](#) (PDF, 347KB)

[Biology water](#) (PDF, 344KB)

[Biology land and water](#) (PDF, 444KB)

[Day visit template](#) (DOCX, 88KB)



Checklist for Teachers – Day Visits

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Date is confirmed with HBEEC. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time of departure from school _____ am• Arrival at HBEEC _____ am• Departure from HBEEC _____ pm• Arrival time at school _____ pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Collaborate with HBEEC staff to plan day visit activities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Calculate the cost of your day visit, transport and activity cost. Costs and fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The following documents have been sent to parents/guardians: Day visit sample letter (DOCX, 23KB) Boating information letter (DOCX, 13KB) (If boating is an activity) Day visit consent and medical form (DOCX, 78KB) Code of Conduct (DOC, 206KB) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Learning goals, HBEEC's Code of Conduct (PDF, 360KB) and Student Pledge – Code of Conduct (DOC, 206KB) have been discussed with and agreed to by students. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transport is booked. Please note if children are being dropped at the centre by parents or guardians, drop off point is the front gate in Poinsettia St. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Risk assessments and/or CARA's for activities have been checked on website and where necessary signed by the school's principal. (Excursion planner, One school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copies of Individual health plans, Emergency health plans and Emergency action plans have been made and emailed to HBEEC. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Day visit program template (DOCX, 192KB) emailed to HBEEC two weeks prior to visit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HBEEC teachers have been notified of students with special needs and suitability of activities has been confirmed. Appropriate support staff are attending. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | HBEEC staff have been notified of any changes in student numbers, at least one week prior to your visit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bring to HBEEC on the day of your visit: Group list (DOCX, 14KB) Alert list (DOCX, 14KB) First aid kit All student Day visit consent and medical forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Visiting teacher has a First Aid kit, Insect repellent, Sunscreen and any student medication. Departmental policy requires that schools provide an Epipen for each group in addition to any <i>prescribed for identified participants with a serious allergy</i> . Anaphylaxis is life threatening. All students <u>diagnosed</u> with this condition MUST HAVE THEIR OWN EPIPEN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN with them on the day. |



Checklist for Students – Day Visits

What to wear

Student uniforms may be worn for day visits. If permission is granted by classroom teachers and/or school principal, students may choose to wear loose fitting, sun safe clothing. Please note, covered lace up shoes are required for all activities. ***Singlet tops, short skirts and shorts, sandals and thongs are not appropriate clothing.***

What to bring

Sun safe hat Water bottle Insect repellent Sun screen

Medication – clearly labelled with students name and dosage. All medication should be handed to the classroom teacher for administration.

A litter free lunch – As part of HBEEC’s commitment to the environment, we ask that students think about reducing the packaging used in morning teas and lunches. Please follow the tips below to help you pack a litter free lunch.

Fresh fruit and sandwiches

Dried fruit and nuts

Reusable or composting containers



What NOT to bring

Digital players, mobile phones, chewing gum, lollies, soft drinks.