

Camp 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.

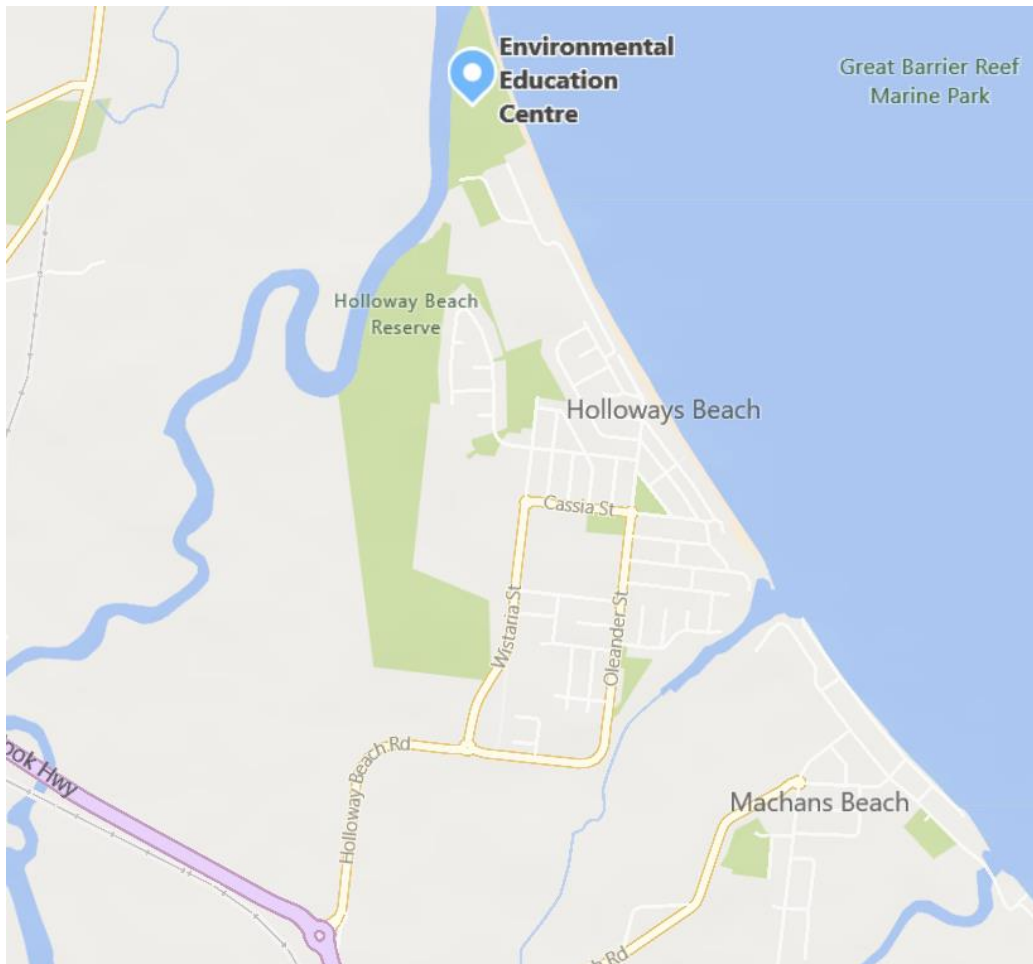
Situated 12km north of the Cairns CBD, the centre is uniquely located on 11 hectares of beach, littoral rainforest and mangrove forest.

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.

Accommodation

Four self-contained cabins each sleeping 10 students and one adult supervisor in bunk beds. Additional self-contained accommodation is available in “Tom’s Cabin” for 6 students and one adult supervisor. Please contact the centre’s staff if your group numbers exceed these limits.

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. A laundry with washing machine and dryer is also available

Kitchen and eating area

The centre has a commercial kitchen which includes: upright freezer, large double door fridge, commercial oven, 4 burner gas stove and bbq plate, tea and coffee making equipment, conveyor type toaster, sandwich press, microwave oven stainless steel preparation benches, eskies and drink containers and an assortment of utensils, pots, pans and serving dishes. Our dining room can seat up to 50 people and there is a shaded undercover area with a cold water bubbler, ceiling fans, bench seating and a decked seating area.

Catering

Catering for your camp is your responsibility. You are expected to ensure Education Queensland’s “Healthy Food Smart Choices” policy is adhered to whether self-catering or engaging the services of a professional caterer. Al frescos catering is available for school camps at HBEEC, Contact on 4041 3777 or 0417 175 947 or see the [Al frescos menu](#).

Alternatively, schools may choose partial catering, prepare whatever meals you like and ask Al Frescos to prepare the other meals.

The Cost of your camp

The prices charged by our Centre are set in accordance with Education Queensland directives. Camp costs vary depending on the length of your stay and activities undertaken. The cost of your camp can be calculated by visiting the [Costs and fees](#) page on our website.

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

Student supervision

One adult supervisor is required to attend your camp for each cabin used, and it is expected that the supervisor sleeps in the cabin with students. Adult supervisors may choose to attend camp full time or overnight only. Additionally, adult supervisors may be needed to assist with student supervision of some activities, such as high ropes. 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.

Bedding Requirements

Please ensure students and any other attending adults staying at HBEEC for an overnight camp bring their own supply of linen and bedding. HBEEC provides bunk style beds with a covered mattress for students and single beds for adults. *Students and adults need to bring a bottom sheet and pillow regardless of whether or not they are using a sleeping bag. This is a requirement of the centre in order to comply with health regulations.*

Sample camp programs

[Three day program including boating – double class](#) (PDF, 320KB)

[Three day program including boating – single class](#) (PDF, 317KB)

[Three day program without boating – single class](#) (PDF, 322KB)

[Two day Biology](#) (PDF, 222KB)

[Three day program template](#) (DOCX, 318KB)



Checklist for Teachers – Camps

<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"/>	Where possible classroom teachers attend a familiarisation session at HBEEC. (Only required for teachers who have not visited HBEEC, approx. one hour required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transport is booked. Please note if students are being dropped at the centre by parents or guardians, drop off point is the front gate in Poinsettia St.
<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"/>	Plan and cost your camp menu. Al frescos menu for full/partial catering or organise self-catering.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Calculate total camp cost, accommodation, transport, programmed activities and meals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The following documents have been sent to parents/guardians: Camp sample letter (DOCX, 25KB) Boating information letter (DOCX, 13KB) Medical form and informed consent (DOCX, 118KB) Equipment list (DOCX, 22KB) Students Code of Conduct (DOC, 206KB)
<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"/>	Collect Medical and informed consent forms and transfer relevant information to Camp consent (DOCX, 24KB) list.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parents or guardians complete Request to Administer Medication form (DOCX, 47KB) if applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	HBEEC principal has been notified of students with special needs attending and copies of Individual health plans, emergency health plans and action plans have been provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Your camp program including student numbers and other adult supervisors has been sent to the centre at least two weeks prior to your camp.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Where possible a pre visit to your school has been organised to familiarise students with HBEEC expectations, camp activities and routines.
<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"/>	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 first day of your camp: First aid kit, all student Medical form and informed consent forms (To be retained by Class teacher) Group list (DOCX, 14KB) Alert list (DOCX, 14KB) Camp consent list (DOCX, 24KB)
<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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A suitable number of male and female adult supervisors are attending camp each night – minimum one gender appropriate adult per cabin.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A registered teacher and at least one other adult will be onsite at all times



Checklist for Students – Camps

What to wear

Students should wear loose fitting, sun safe clothing, a broad brimmed hat and covered lace up shoes. A water bottle is essential for all students. ***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
- Single bed sheet Sleeping bag or blanket Pillow and pillow case
- One pair shorts and/or long pants *PER DAY* Sleeved shirt *PER DAY*
- Socks and underwear *2 SETS PER DAY* Pyjamas Raincoat or jacket
- Spare covered lace up shoes Bath towel Beach towel
- Personal toiletries (toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and hair comb/brush)
- Swimming gear (Only required if swimming is an activity) Torch
- Camera (Optional) Binoculars (Optional) Bag for dirty and wet clothes
- Mangrove mud activity only – old swimming gear and old shorts and t-shirt

What NOT to bring

Digital players, mobile phones, chewing gum, lollies, soft drinks, pocket knives, jewellery or other items of value.

Items such as these will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp

Please ensure all items brought to camp are clearly labelled