

INFORMED CONSENT FORM (ANNUAL)

Leisure activities information

PARENT CONSENT FORM	
Child's name:	
Year:	

Student experiences of boarding at *Geraldton Residential College* can be enhanced by participating in a range of leisure, recreational, cultural and sporting activities which are a key part of boarding life. Wherever possible, our aim is for your child to take part in the same activities while boarding with us as they would when living at home.

Leisure activities are not connected to the school curriculum and do not include educational excursions arranged by school, or the continuation of school activities by a student after school hours.

These events may be arranged at any time throughout the year, unless specifically indicated. We endeavour to notify parents of all planned leisure activities, but please note that it may not be practical on every occasion for routine recurring activities.

The following information is provided to enable you to make an informed decision as to your child's participation in these various activities.

Our staff 'have a duty of care to protect students from risk of harm that can reasonably be foreseen'. These leisure activities will be assessed for risk prior to commencement and will not proceed if we consider the activity to be 'high' risk. We employ a number of strategies to reduce the likelihood of risks occurring and the consequences should they eventuate. However, it should be noted that engaging in any recreational activity will carry some risk exposure that cannot be eliminated.

Please complete and return this form to the College. Our staff can provide you with a copy for your records if you request it.

Attached is a selection of potential leisure activities* that will or may be organised throughout the year. Please indicate, by ticking (✓) the box, which of these activities you consent to your child participating in, or you may choose the option to consent to all activities listed.

Activities are grouped into 3 categories:

- Supervised activities away from the college
- Unsupervised student-led activities away from the college
- On-site activities

You can withdraw your consent at any time. Please contact our staff should you grant ongoing consent for your child to participate that you later wish to review or alter.

* We will ask for separate consent for all other organised activities as and when organised.

Supervised activities away from the college

<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL supervised activities away from college grounds listed below.
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Or please select the specific activities detailed below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Skateboarding, rollerblading, bike riding
	Location:	Wonthella Skate Park
	Details:	Students must wear helmets at all times and are encouraged to wear other protective gear such as knee and elbow pads.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Picnic/BBQ; ball sports
	Location:	Foreshore Park, GSHS oval, Stow Gardens Park, Pages Beach
	Details:	Staff take students on a short trip to get some fresh air and to kick a ball on the oval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Swimming (Beach), boogie boarding; fishing
	Location:	Foreshore beach, Pages beach, Sunset Beach, Geraldton Batavia Coast Marina, Midalia Beach, Chapman River, Cape Burney
	Details:	We make regular trips to the beach with supervisors that hold surf rescue qualifications. Students are asked to stay within eyesight of staff. Students may fish from the jetty or beach only – fishing from the rocks is strictly prohibited.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Swimming (Pool)
	Location:	Geraldton Aquarena
	Details:	Our students enjoy trips to the Geraldton Aquarena Pool, which is staffed by a lifeguard during all opening hours. https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/aquarena/home.aspx
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Sandboarding
	Location:	South Gates sand dunes
	Details:	From time to time the college staff will take the students out for some fresh air and to enjoy some fun sandboarding. Due to the nature of this activity, there could be times where some students fall.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	College Organised Bike Rides
	Location:	Around Geraldton Residential College grounds and into town.
	Details:	Staff will supervise and ride with student for some exercise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Spotlighting
	Location:	South Gates sand dunes, Separation Point beach
	Details:	Generally, a fun and safe game for children of all ages, students have been known to trip or fall given it is played in the dark. Students are not permitted to enter the water under any circumstances.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Nature walk, sightseeing
	Location:	Cape Burney
	Details:	Staff will take students out to explore nature and see the sights.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	College Outing
	Location:	Dongara / Kalbarri
	Details:	Students are taken to Dongara or Kalbarri in our college bus/buses for a day to see the sights.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Local Agricultural Show; Local Fair
	Location:	Chapman Valley, Northampton, Mullewa
	Details:	The Local Ag Show is always a big event on the calendar and students enjoy a wide choice of displays, games; show rides; sideshow alley; shopping etc. https://chapmanvalleyshow.com.au/ https://northamptonshow.com/ https://www.mullewashow.com.au/

Unsupervised student-led activities away from the college

With your consent, your child may be permitted to exit college grounds unsupervised to take part in various leisure activities on their own or with friends. Students are expected to return to the college by an agreed time. On occasion, staff may be available to drive and/or collect students using college vehicles.

<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL unsupervised student-led activities away from college grounds listed below.
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Or please select the specific activities detailed below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Walking
	Location:	Outside college grounds
	Details:	Your child may walk to approved locations at approved times to take part in various leisure activities. This includes running and jogging for exercise.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Cycling
	Location:	Outside college grounds
	Details:	Your child may cycle to approved locations at approved times to take part in various leisure activities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Shopping Town
	Location:	Local town/shopping mall
	Details:	Students make their own way to the town centre/mall during approved town leave times.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Sports, exercise
	Location:	Railways Football Oval
	Details:	Students make their own way to the local oval.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Exercise
	Location:	Geraldton Foreshore Outdoor Sports Venue also known as the Rage Cage
	Details:	Students make their own way to the beach or foreshore but are not permitted to enter the water under any circumstances.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Movies
	Location:	Orana Cinemas
	Details:	Students can go to the movies on weekends at their own cost.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Attend (as a spectator) local organised sporting events for example, football, netball, hockey, basketball.
	Location:	Railways Football Oval, Towns Football Oval, Brigades Football Oval, Rovers Football Oval, GABA Basketball Stadium, Judy Millward Netball Centre, Geraldton Hockey Grounds
	Details:	Students will be dropped off and picked up by the college to the ground's to support their team.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Shopping
	Location:	Kmart
	Details:	Students will be escorted to Kmart by bus for some afternoon shopping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Markets
	Location:	Geraldton Markets
	Details:	The college will drop the students to the local markets to do some shopping.

On-site activities

Students are encouraged to participate in organised on-site activities. The following activities require your consent for your child to participate should they choose.

<input type="checkbox"/>	ALL on-site activities listed below.
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Or please select the specific activities detailed below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Use of college gym equipment e.g., weights; treadmill; cross-trainer;
	Location:	College gym/weights room; outdoor equipment
	Details:	Students may be permitted to use the gym equipment provided they adhere to the conditions of use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Swimming
	Location:	Geraldton Residential College pool
	Details:	Students can enjoy the pool provided they adhere to the conditions of use. The College pool can only be used when supervisors are present within the pool enclosure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Camp fire
	Location:	College gardens/grounds
	Details:	Students always enjoy toasting marshmallows by the fire. Supervisors are present and students are required to always act responsibly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	Spotlighting
	Location:	College grounds;
	Details:	Generally, a fun and safe game for children of all ages, students have been known to trip or fall given it is played in the dark.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity:	
	Location:	
	Details:	

Parent Declaration

I declare I have read and understand the information outlined in this form and give consent for my child to participate in the activities as indicated throughout the year. I am aware that my specific permission is not required on every occasion my child elects to participate in these activities and that I can withdraw this consent at any time.

I acknowledge that even with my permission, the College Manager / Residential manager may withdraw the permission for my child to undertake an activity. The reason behind this decision will be communicated to me promptly.

I understand I have an obligation to inform college staff if I have concerns around my child's capacity to engage in particular activities and will inform college staff of my child's swimming ability.

I will notify Geraldton Residential College in writing of any relevant additional medical information not already held by the college and/or if my child's medical condition changes.

I am aware that the College and its employees are not responsible for personal injuries or property damage that may occur during a leisure activity unless the College or its employees are proven to be negligent.

Parent name:	
Parent signature:	
Date:	

Student Declaration

I declare I have read the information outlined in this form and I understand my obligation to uphold the Geraldton Residential College Code of Conduct / behaviours expected of students while engaging in all leisure activities.

Student signature:	
Date:	

Water based or swimming activities

Please indicate your child's current swimming ability:

Department of Education swimming stage achieved: _____

Date achieved: _____

I am unsure: (The college may contact you to discuss your child's swimming ability)

Swimming ability:

Stage 1 Beginner

Stage 2 Water Discovery

Stage 3 Preliminary

Stage 4 Water Awareness

Stage 5 Water Sense

Stage 6 Junior

Stage 7 Intermediate

Stage 8 Water Wise

Stage 9 Senior

Stage 10 Junior Swim and Survive*

Stage 11 Swim and Survive*

Stage 12 Senior Swim and Survive*

*Stages 10 to 12 are Royal Life Saving Society of Australia awards. Stage 10 focuses on safety and survival abilities including clothed survival and personal fitness for survival and extends the student's range of swimming skills. Stages 11 and 12 involve further development of survival and swimming skills and endurance. Stage 12 provides a foundation for rescue awards.

I give permission for my child to participate in the water based or swimming activities as indicated.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

