

Regular Excursion Permission Form

Purpose:

Livingstone Christian College Early Learning Centre endeavours to provide quality education and care in flexible indoor and outdoor spaces where children are encouraged to investigate the world around them through their senses, and to develop a natural curiosity and desire to learn. Children are supported to engage in challenging outdoor play experiences which facilitate the development of a confident self-identity, problem solving skills and growing independence and resilience. As such, we wish to engage in regular excursions with children to parks and natural parkland surrounding the college on Reedman's Road, Ormeau.

During the excursions children will have the opportunity to explore and connect with God's created world. In doing so children gain the benefits of being physically active, imagining, negotiating and problem solving. According to Nature Play Qld, "playing outdoors grows resilience, self-confidence, initiative, creativity and more. It encourages the joy of movement; it nurtures wild imaginations, experimentation, friendships, social connections and behaviour" (Imogen Whittle, 2016).

For more information on the benefits of playing in nature visit Nature Play Qld on <https://www.natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-in-early-years-education>

Any time children leave the Early Learning Centre to engage in nature excursions they will be accompanied by their educators, and additional educators if required, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children. Educators will ensure children have hats and sunscreen applied, and water will be taken to keep children hydrated. Children will also wear shoes while walking to and from excursions.

I _____, do/ do not give permission for my child/ren, _____ to attend regular excursions to surrounding parks and natural parkland with educators whilst in attendance at Livingstone Christian College Early Learning Centre.

Signature

Date