

TRAVEL, ATTENDANCE & ILLNESS

How do the campers get to camp?

Buses.

For safety reasons parents are not allowed to drop off and collect campers from the Allawah campsite. There would just be too many cars onsite and the risk to campers is too great.

Buses pick up campers, helpers & some leaders from Moggill Uniting Church (carpark) or Mt Crosby State School (pick up/drop off zone) in the mornings, and drop them back there in the afternoons.

When registering, please be sure to consider which location suits you best and tick the appropriate box. If you change your mind before camp, please let us know (mucdaycamp@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We book buses based on what you tell us!! We check how many are travelling from each site and book the appropriate number of bus seats.

Bus travel exceptions

- Leaders & support people who drive themselves can bring siblings or children with them in their car (select "own transport" during registration).
- Campers who get sick may need to be picked up.
- If your child needs to arrive late or leave early for an appointment etc they can be picked up / dropped off directly to site. You will need to go to the kitchen and sign them in or out.

What times do the buses leave and return?

Moggill Uniting Church – car park ****PLEASE NOTE the changed venue for 2018**** NOT AT Moggill School

Arrive to MUC by 7:45am to sign your child in. The first bus departs Moggill at 8am.

Buses return to Moggill between 3:30pm and 4pm.

Mt Crosby State School – Mt Crosby Rd drop off zone

Arrive at MCSS by 8:15am to sign your child in. The bus departs Mt Crosby at 8:30am.

Bus returns to MCSS at 3:15pm.

Why do I need to sign my child in and out?

The safety of campers, helpers, leaders is our top priority. We must have a record at all times of who is in our care and who has been returned to the care of someone else. Children must be signed in when you arrive in the morning.

There are bus monitors at each of the bus pick up sites with sheets for you to sign each child in.

For those arriving directly to the Allawah campsite, you must go to the kitchen first to be signed in.

The campers, helpers and leaders also sign in to their teams when they arrive at camp so that each team leader knows exactly how many campers and helpers they have each day.

The bus sign in sheets, kitchen sign in sheets and team sign in sheets are crossed checked every morning. Any discrepancies are followed up immediately – firstly by physically checking the team, then by checking with siblings and finally if needed by contacting the caregiver – until everyone is accounted for. For anyone not signed in anywhere, the caregiver is phoned to check if the camper is meant to be there. This usually turns out that the camper is sick or has an appointment. It helps us greatly if you send us off a quick email as soon as you know a camper will not be attending so we know not to search for them.

In the afternoon, the sign out sheet must not be signed until the child is off the bus and in your care. You are signing that you have taken responsibility for your child.

The children get off the bus and are moved to a secure area where you can meet them and take them to the sheets to be signed out.

When everyone has left the bus drop off site, the monitors check the list. Anyone not signed out will be contacted by the monitor until we are satisfied the child is accounted for.

Please understand this is to ensure the safety of all children.

What if my child is sick or will not be attending

If you know that your child will not be attending one day, please let the bus monitor know the day before if at all possible. You can also email mucdaycamp@gmail.com to let us know.

As we check every morning that everyone who is meant to be at camp is at camp, it helps if we have been notified that someone is away (whether a planned absence eg an appointment / family commitment / party... or an unplanned illness etc). A quick email as early as possible (preferably by 8am) helps our checking process go smoothly.