Residential Handbook

March 2015
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The residential school

Residential schools are an integral part of learning with Aurora College. Your child is required to attend the residential school when scheduled.

Aurora College’s residential program will be taking place from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th March, 2015 at Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

During this time students will be participating in curriculum activities and social and cultural activities. It is a fantastic opportunity to connect face-to-face with peers and teachers and enjoy what Sydney has to offer. It also allows students to fulfil the mandatory requirements for meeting course outcomes in subjects that have practical components such as in science and agriculture.

The general rules and regulations of school and excursion activities apply to residential schools and students are expected to comply with the reasonable instructions of staff.

Two executive staff members will have school mobile phones. They are able to be contacted on 0475 961 392 and 0475 961 395 in the event of an emergency.

Please read through the following information and complete and return the forms listed below by COB Friday 20th February

- Permission form
- Medical information form
- Permission to be photographed form
- Payment form

Arrival and departure

All students will need to sign in and collect an ID card, timetable and other relevant information. Students can arrive from 3pm onwards but official sign in will be from 5pm – 6pm in the dining hall. Supervision of students arriving at the venue by other means will be available after 3 pm.

Accommodation

All students will be accommodated within the grounds of Hurlstone Agricultural High School in the boarding houses.

Students will be supervised by Aurora College staff and Hurlstone duty staff. They will also be on duty overnight and staying in the boarding houses. In addition, there will be a security guard from 11pm – 7am each night.

Transport

To minimise the cost and disruption to families, the college will hire buses to and from Hurlstone Agricultural High School from the following regional centres.
- Nyngan (with pickups/letdowns at Dubbo, Molong and Orange)
- Parkes (with pickups/letdowns at Canowindra, Cowra, Blayney, Bathurst and Lithgow)
- Coffs Harbour (with pickups/letdowns at Forster and Broadmeadow)
- Ulladulla (with pickups/letdowns at Nowra and Wollongong)

The additional cost per student to travel to and from Hurlstone Agricultural High School on any of these buses is $50 (return).

The buses will depart from these locations at a time on Sunday 1 March which will allow students and the accompanying teachers to arrive at the residential school on Sunday evening. Full bus timetables will be forwarded when we receive confirmation of the travel plans of all students.

A number of parents have indicated that their children will be flying to and from the residential school. Aurora College staff will be at Sydney airport to meet your child and transport them to and from the venue. We will require a copy of the flight reservations for any student flying into and out of Sydney airport. Students should aim to arrive at Sydney airport after 3 pm on Sunday 1 March 2015. Return flights may be booked from 1 pm on Thursday 5 March 2015.

If coming by train, you may need to change platforms at Central station. Alight at Glenfield train station. A map, indicating the location of the boarding area is attached.

Costs and payment

The cost of this residential school is $350. This includes the cost of accommodation, all food, entry to all activities and travel to and from all activities in Sydney.

Payments can be made by credit card, electronic funds transfer or personal cheque. If you choose to pay via EFT you MUST include your child's initial and surname in the description/reference so we can identify payments and issue you with a receipt. Bank details are below.

Westpac
Account name: Aurora College
BSB: 032-001
Account number: 177963

Families seeking financial assistance with the cost of the residential school may be eligible for the:
- Aurora College Student Assistance Scheme (Please contact Denise Deaves (auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) on 02 9886 7667 for further information)
- School Student Transport Scheme http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/about-school-student-transport-scheme#Eligibility%20requirements

Payments can be made in instalments by prior arrangement with the college. Please contact Denise Deaves (auroracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) on 02 9886 7560 for further information.

Food

All meals are provided, unless specified otherwise on the program. Meals at Hurlstone will be available in the dining hall.
Breakfast usually consists of cereal and toast.

For morning tea, students can collect items such as yoghurt, dip, fruit, juice and water from the dining hall.

Lunch is buffet style with an array of salads.
Lunch on Wednesdays is a ‘walk through’ lunch where students don’t sit in the dining hall to eat. This is because all Hurlstone Ag students pick up their lunch and go to sport.

For afternoon tea, students can collect items such as yoghurt, dip, fruit, juice and water from the dining hall.

Dinner is provided each night. We will be having pizzas and drink delivered to the Sydney Observatory on Tuesday night.

Special dietary needs are catered for and should be advised on the attached forms submitted to the Aurora College office.

Students may pack a reasonable supply of snacks for their own consumption at the residential, although large quantities of sugary snacks should be avoided. Students may wish to bring Milo or something similar for a hot drink in one of the boarding house common rooms if they wish.

There is also an opportunity to purchase any drinks/snacks on Tuesday afternoon during a walk through The Rocks.

**Snacks containing nuts are not permitted due to severe allergic reactions from fellow students and staff.**

**Personal items**

All students are responsible for anything they bring with them, including mobile phones, laptops, money and other personal items. The charging of electronic devices is also the responsibility of the student. Excessive amounts of cash and other valuables are not required.

**Health and medication**

Please complete and return the medical information form attached.

All medications must be in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the student's name, the name, instructions for administration and time of administration. This needs to be handed in at the sign in desk upon arrival.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School has a registered nurse available from 7:30 am – 11pm. If there are serious concerns after 11pm at night, the student may be taken to hospital or an ambulance may be called.

Hurlstone also has a sick-bay and breathalyzer.
Any student requiring Schedule 8 drugs must be report to an Aurora staff member who will arrange for the medication to be locked away until it is needed.

Mental well-being is just as important as physical well-being. If any student experiences difficulty at any time it is important that he/she tell the Aurora staff member in charge. Hurlstone Agricultural High School has a school counsellor if needed.

**Clothing**

Whilst there is no Aurora uniform, certain standards in dressing are expected. Students are to dress in comfortable, clean and neat clothing that is appropriate for each activity and the weather at the time.

**Closed-toed shoes are required during all scheduled activities including classes and on Tuesday during the day out.** Entry to classes and activities will be refused if inappropriate footwear is worn.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear (or other material confirmed by the manufacturer to be suitable, refer to Australian/NZ Standard 2210.1:2010 Safety, Protective and Occupational Footwear) is required are:

- Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (Kitchen) areas

Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes are not permitted in these areas. If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student should be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. (See [https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safeworklearn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf](https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/detoh_s/adminandmanage/ohands/safeworklearn/riskmanage/footwearguide6.pdf) for further info)

Sandals, open footwear and thongs can be worn in dorms or during free time only.

Clothing not permitted:

- Singlet tops and tank tops
- Midriff tops
- Items with offensive logos or writing
- Torn clothes

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, normal standards for schools and school excursions apply.

**After hours activities**

All classes have been scheduled during normal school times. There are limited times during the residential program that allow for ‘free time’. However, there are times where there is no compulsory activity. During these times, students need to follow instructions from staff to be in the right place at the right time and only within the specified supervised areas. Students may wish to make use of the facilities at Hurlstone (after notifying the teacher in charge) such as tennis courts, beach volleyball court, basketball court, oval, cross-country track and games room.
Privacy

The information provided by parents is being obtained for Aurora’s College residential program only. It will be used by the Aurora College for permissions and safety purposes.

Provision of this information is required by law / voluntary. It will be stored securely.

You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Aurora office.

List of things to bring

All scheduled activities will go ahead as planned (but may be slightly modified) so it is important to be prepared for any weather conditions such as rain or heat.

- Geometry set
- Calculator
- Stationary eg: pens, pencils, highlighter, ruler, paper
- Spending money
- Snack
- Mobile phone and charger (if necessary)
- Wet weather jacket
- Jumper
- Pants
- Warm clothes for evening
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Toiletries
- Thongs for shower
- Sneakers & closed-toed shoes
- Socks
- Small backpack
- Drink bottle
- Walking shoes
- Suncream
- Hat
- Pyjamas
- Underwear
- Pillow & pillow case
- Sleeping bag/sheets
- Towel
# Residential program

## Sunday 1\textsuperscript{st} March

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<td>5.00 – 6.00</td>
<td>Arrival at Hurlstone Agricultural High School</td>
<td>Dining Hall</td>
<td>Sign in, meet and greet Collect lanyards information, map of school, timetable etc</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Roy Watt Rd, Glenfield Sydney</td>
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<td>(02) 9829 9222</td>
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<td>6.00 – 6.30</td>
<td>Dinner</td>
<td>Dining Hall</td>
<td>Dinner packs available for late arrivals</td>
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<tr>
<td>6.30 – 9.00</td>
<td>Unpack, relax</td>
<td>Dorms/common room</td>
<td>Students are responsible for ALL their belongings. They can charge devices overnight and in class</td>
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<td>9.00 pm</td>
<td>Bed</td>
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<td>Breakfast</td>
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<td>Get ready for the day</td>
<td>Dorms</td>
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<td>8.30 – 9.00</td>
<td>Welcome and orientation</td>
<td>Assembly hall</td>
<td>Need data projector and screen</td>
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<td>9.00 – 10.30</td>
<td>Lessons</td>
<td>Various rooms/labs</td>
<td>Year 11 Agriculture doing a farm study all day</td>
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<td>10.30 – 11.00</td>
<td>Recess</td>
<td>Dining Hall</td>
<td>Students collect options such as yoghurt, fruit, dips, water, juice</td>
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<td>11.00 – 12.30</td>
<td>Lessons</td>
<td>Various rooms/labs</td>
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<td>12.30 – 1.15</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td>Dining hall</td>
<td>Buffet style, salads</td>
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<td>1.15 – 3.00</td>
<td>Lessons</td>
<td>Various rooms/labs</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.00 – 3.30</td>
<td>Afternoon tea</td>
<td>Dining hall</td>
<td>Students collect snack eg: muffin, fruit etc</td>
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<td>3.30 – 5.30</td>
<td>Survivor Olympics run by 'The Great Race'</td>
<td>Oval</td>
<td>Challenges and team-building activities. Bring sneakers, water bottle</td>
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<td>5.30 – 6.00</td>
<td>Showers/free time</td>
<td>Dorms</td>
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<td>6.00 – 6.30</td>
<td>Dinner</td>
<td>Dining hall</td>
<td>Notices/announcements for tomorrow</td>
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<td>6.30 – 9.00</td>
<td>Relax!</td>
<td>TBC</td>
<td>Bring board games, cards</td>
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<td>9.00pm</td>
<td>Bed</td>
<td>Dorms</td>
<td>Light out at 9.30pm</td>
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<td>Breakfast</td>
<td>Dining Hall</td>
<td><strong>NB: Collect snack/fruit for morning tea</strong></td>
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<td>8.00 – 8.15</td>
<td>Get ready for the day</td>
<td>Dorms</td>
<td>Pack bag, bring phones (no laptops), wet weather gear, comfortable shoes, hat, suncream, water bottle</td>
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<td>8.15 – 8.30</td>
<td>Roll call and departure</td>
<td>TBC</td>
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<td>8.30 – 10.00</td>
<td>Travel to venues by bus or train as directed</td>
<td>Microsoft, North Ryde, Fuji Zerox, Redfern</td>
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<td>Botanic Gardens (Plant classification)</td>
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<td>UNSW - part of the Aspire Program, building tertiary links, uni life</td>
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<td>10.00 – 1.00</td>
<td>Year 7 ENG1 and ENG3, Year 7 ENG2 and ENG4, Year 8 (10am-12pm)</td>
<td>Microsoft, North Ryde, Fuji Zerox, Redfern</td>
<td>Part of ABCN mentoring program. Lunch provided @ Microsoft before departure</td>
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<td>1.00 – 2.30</td>
<td>Travel to Botanic gardens for picnic lunch and games/challenges</td>
<td>Royal Botanic Gardens (meeting point TBC)</td>
<td>Picnic lunch provided for years 8 - 10 and staff</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.30 – 3.00</td>
<td>Walk to Campbells Cove</td>
<td>Near Circular Quay</td>
<td>Campbells Cove is between the Park Hyatt hotel and the Overseas Passenger Terminal</td>
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<td>3.00 – 5.00</td>
<td>Sydney Harbour cruise and cultural performance on Clark Island</td>
<td>Departs at 3.00pm SHARP</td>
<td>Students need jumper, hat, suncream water bottle, snack and water proof jacket</td>
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<tr>
<td>6.30 – 7.30</td>
<td>Dinner – Pizza delivery!</td>
<td>Sydney Observatory</td>
<td>Great view!</td>
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<td>7.30 – 9.30</td>
<td>Observatory at night</td>
<td>Sydney Observatory</td>
<td>Planetarium, view the night sky through telescopes</td>
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<td>9.30 – 10.30</td>
<td>Travel by bus back to Hurlstone Agricultural HS</td>
<td>Dorms</td>
<td>Bed and lights out upon return</td>
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<td>Lessons</td>
<td>Various rooms</td>
<td>Students are issued with new HP device (notebook/laptop)</td>
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<td>3.30 – 6.30</td>
<td>Games, outdoor activities, showers etc</td>
<td>Various locations</td>
<td>Tennis courts, games room, beach volleyball, cross-country track, basketball court</td>
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<td>6.30 – 9.00</td>
<td>Movie: <em>Paper Planes or Home</em> (starts @ 7:30 pm SHARP)</td>
<td>Buses to Liverpool Event Cinemas at Westfield – top level</td>
<td>Bring snack and/or drink for cinema</td>
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Can we take your child’s photo?

During visits or events organised by ASPIRE, photographs may be taken and video images recorded.

For our records, it is important you tell us whether we can take your child’s photo or not. Please read the following carefully and tick one box in each section.

**ASPIRE photo use**

Photos and videos taken by ASPIRE are used in resources such as school workshop materials, brochures, newsletters, articles, posters or on our websites.

We will not identify your child by name in ASPIRE resources.

- **YES, I do** consent to my child’s image being used in ASPIRE resources.
- **NO, I do not** consent to my child’s image being used in ASPIRE resources.

**Media photo use**

For publicity purposes and reporting of school events, from time to time photos of students participating in ASPIRE events may be requested by media (especially local newspapers). Generally, newspapers will not use the photo unless the names of the students and the school are supplied.

Please tell us if you give permission for media to use your child’s image.

- **YES, I do** consent to my child’s image being used in media resources. I understand my child’s name may be published with the image.
- **NO, I do not** consent to my child’s image being used in media resources.

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**Child’s name:**

**School:**

**Your name (please print):**

**Relationship to child:**

**Signature**

**Date:**  /  /  

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**Contact ASPIRE**

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