Dear Parents and Guardians

Once again, the Outdoor Education Department at St Hilda's will be offering an extensive program in 2026. In addition to the compulsory Year 10 camp, students will also have access to our optional cocurricular programs. The details of these programs are listed below. Please read the offering carefully and discuss with your child if they would like to put an expression of interest forward. Please see the link at the bottom of the page to register your child's interest.

Once we have received expressions of interest, student names will be placed into a ballot system, and should your child be successful, a position will be offered. On acceptance of a position, a $500 non-refundable deposit will need to be paid to confirm your child's place on the tour. Note: All programs have a minimum number of students required for them to run.

Surfing lessons and surf camps will also be offered. These will be advertised in early 2026.

In 2026, the following optional cocurricular programs are on offer for Year 10 students:

<h1 style="text-align:center;color:red;">Coral Bay Dive Program</h1>

Program:
In 2026 the St Hilda's Outdoor Education Department will offer students a chance to obtain their Open Water Dive certificate.

Situated 1200 kilometres north of Perth on WA's mid-west coast and stretching over 240kms, Ningaloo Reef is one of the world's longest fringing coral reef systems and is an amazing opportunity for students to experience a true wonder of the natural world.

Students will study for their online open water dive course in the lead up to their expedition in Coral Bay. Once there, students will spend one day in the lagoon doing basic safety and skills before diving on the Ningaloo Reef for two days completing their certificate. As a bonus, students will also have a full day on a whale shark boat doing a deluxe Whale Shark snorkel. Students will stay at the Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp in Coral Bay.

Dates:
03/04/2025 – 08/04/2025

Cost:
The trip cost is approximately $3400 and includes:
- Return flights and transfers from Coral Bay
- All meals and accommodation by Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp
- All day private charter boat & Whale Shark swim(s)
- All dive equipment, including wetsuits. (Students are welcome to bring their own)
- Dive certificate
- Dive course

Location and Accommodation:

- The group will stay within the private grounds of NRAC. St Hilda's will have exclusive use and no members of the public have access to the area.
- Students will stay in 6 person canvas tents surrounding a central lawn and undercover kitchen and dining area.

- Students will sleep on mattresses within the tents.
- Students have their own private ablution facilities.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1	TBC	Depart Perth
		Arrive Learmonth – Transfer to Coral Bay
		Set up camp
		Gear fitting and information session
	Night Activity	Guest Speaker – Marine Biologist
Day 2	AM	Theory session
	PM	Lagoon practice sessions.
Day 3	All Day	Private charter boat Dives 1 and 2
Day 4	All Day	Private charter boat Whale Shark snorkel
Day 5	All Day	Private Charter boat Dives 3 and 4
Day 6	TBC	Depart Coral Bay for Learmonth Airport – return to Perth

Transport:
Return flights Perth to Learmonth airport Exmouth. Transfers to Coral Bay by Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp

Staffing:
Two St Hilda's staff members will accompany the group of students during the trip. Additional adults will join the group during specific activities, such as the Whale Shark swim and diving instructors.

Food:
All meals will be provided and catered by NRAC. Students will have the opportunity to visit the local shops each day.

Expression of interest:

To express your child's interest in any of the above programs, please click HERE.

Expressions of Interest close Monday 17 November 2025.

If your child is successful in the ballot, you will receive confirmation via Consent2Go. You will need to follow the link and pay a $500 non-refundable deposit to confirm their position.

Kind Regards

The Outdoor Education Team