

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 9 Wandering Spirit program, students will also have access to our optional cocurricular program. The details of this program are listed below. Please read the offerings 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.

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

In 2026, the following optional cocurricular program will be on offer for Year 9 students:

St Hilda's Coral Bay Marine Program (Year 9)

Program:

In 2026 St Hilda's Outdoor Education Department will be offering a marine activities program in Coral Bay. This will be the 18th year we have run this extremely popular trip facilitated by Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp.

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 an amazing opportunity for students to experience a true wonder of the natural world.

Students will be introduced to intermediate snorkelling skills and techniques, discuss the ecology of the reef with marine biologists and have the opportunity to swim with whale sharks, turtles and manta rays.

Dates:

Program 1: Coral Bay Marine 03/04/2026 – 08/04/2026

OR

Program 2: Coral Bay Marine Adventure 06/04/2026 – 11/04/2026

Cost

The trip cost is approximately \$3050 and includes:

- Return flights from Perth to Exmouth and transfers from Exmouth to Coral Bay
- All meals
- All-day private charter boat & whale shark swim(s)
- All snorkelling equipment, including wetsuits. (Students are welcome to bring their own)
- Private charter boat & manta ray swim(s)
- Underwater scooter snorkel tour and glass bottom boat tour

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 sleep on mattresses in 6-person canvas tent surrounding a central lawn and undercover kitchen and dining area.

- Students have access to private ablution facilities.

Proposed Itinerary:

Date	Time	Activity
Day 1	TBC	Depart Perth
		Arrive Learmonth – Transfer to Coral Bay
		Settle into Coral Bay
	Night Activity	Guest Speaker – Marine Biologist
Day 2	AM	Glass bottom boat and Introductory Snorkel and gear check
	PM	Underwater Scooter Snorkel Tour
Day 3	All Day	Private charter boat whale shark swim
Day 4	All Day	Private charter boat Manta-Ray Swim & reef tour
Day 5	AM / PM	Snorkel Drift Tour
		Coral Bay Activities
Day 6	TBC	Depart Coral Bay for Learmonth Airport – return to Perth

Transport:

Return flights Perth to Learmonth airport Exmouth. Transfers to Coral Bay are with Ningaloo Reef Adventure Camp

Staffing:

Two St Hilda’s staff members will accompany students during the trip. Additional adults will join the group during specific activities, such as the boat tours.

Food:

All meals will be provided and catered by NRAC. In addition, 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