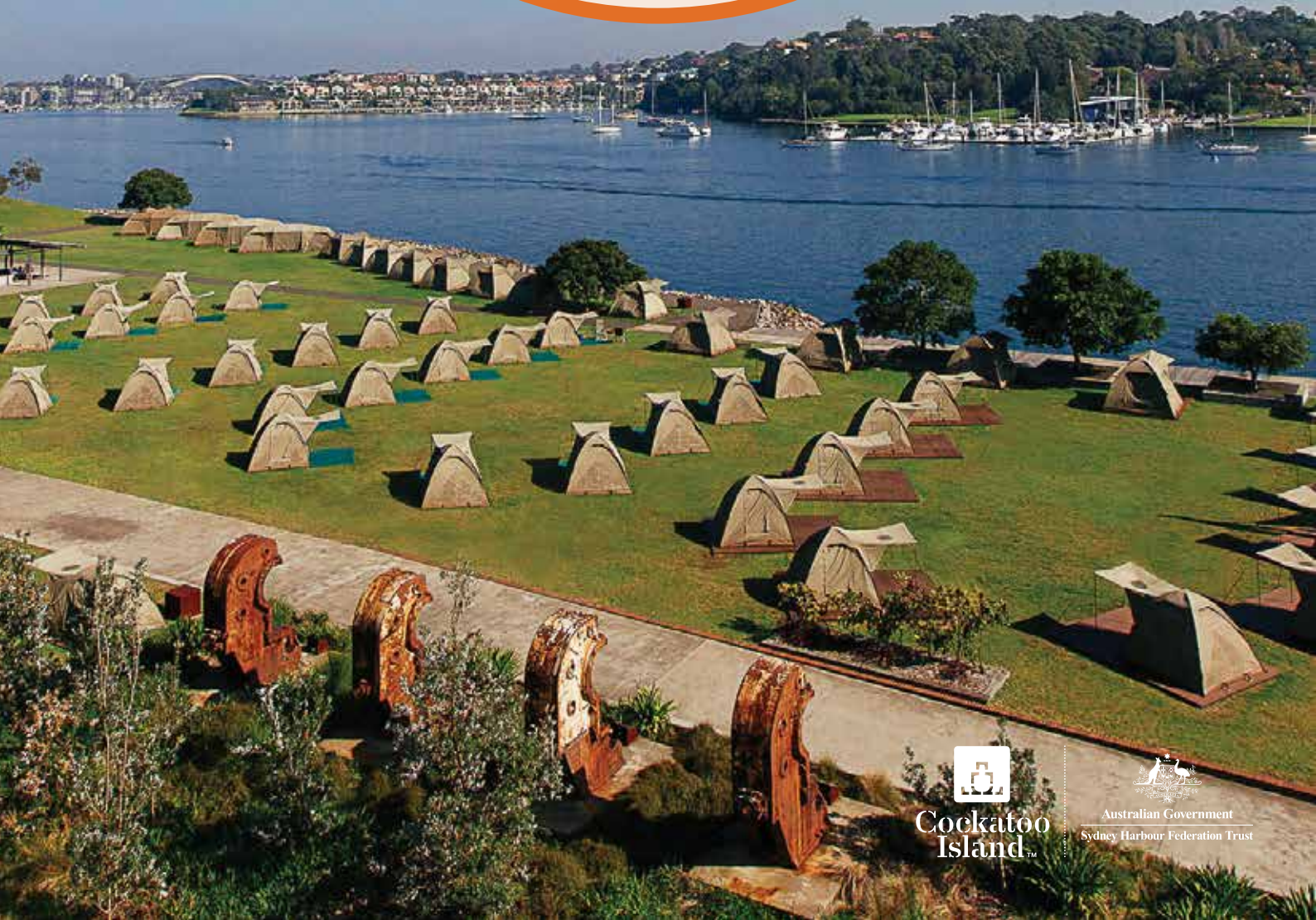


# Cockatoo Island School Camping

TEACHER'S INFORMATION PACK



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# Welcome

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# Learn Create Play

## Take your classroom to Cockatoo Island and sleep under the stars

**As one of Australia's most historically and culturally significant sites, Cockatoo Island offers the perfect destination for your school group.**

The island's history starts with First Nations occupation and encompasses many of the major landmarks of colonial and post-colonial Australian history. Its structures and relics tell the stories of convicts and orphans, of workers and wars, offering a unique opportunity for your students to interact with living history through our engaging primary and secondary programs.

As a UNESCO World Heritage site, Cockatoo Island presents a unique opportunity for students to engage with living history – and have fun – while still being in the heart of Australia's largest city.

Our campground makes the learning experience even more fun. Cockatoo Island has all the amenities your school group needs — including hot showers, a large camp kitchen, ten BBQs, fridges, microwaves and access to boiling water.



# The Campground

## Deluxe Camping packages: \$104 twin share

One of the easiest ways to camp on Cockatoo - we'll set up your tent and bedding and we'll add a little luxury with toiletries from Appelles Apothecary.

### Features:

- One pre-erected tent (2.4m x 2.4m)
- Two single raised camp beds with all linen, quilts and towels
- Two comfortable reclining chairs

### What you'll need to bring if you're deluxe camping:

- Torch
- If self-catering – plate, cup, bowl, cutlery and cooking equipment for BBQs

## Camping packages from – \$70 per tent twin share

Our entry level pre-erected tents are ready to go and simply require students to bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. Each tent accommodates up to three students with a recommended twin or triple share.

### Features:

- Two single sleeping mats
- Two comfortable reclining chairs
- Additional sleeping mats are available for hire at \$5 per mat

### What you'll need to bring if you're camping:

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Torch
- Towel
- If self-catering – plate, cup, bowl, cutlery and cooking equipment for BBQs

## BYO camping site: \$35 per site

Give your students an authentic DIY camping experience and have them set up their own tent on one of our exclusive harbourside sites.

### Features:

- Unpowered 4m x 4m sites
- Maximum of four people per site
- Sleeping mats are available for hire at \$5 per mat

### What you'll need to bring if you're camping:

- Tent
- Sleeping mat
- Sleeping bag
- If self-catering – plate, cup, bowl, cutlery and cooking equipment for BBQs

## Packages for teachers

BYO camping sites and camping packages are provided to teachers and supervisors free of charge to the ratio of 1:10 tents based on twin share.

Should you require additional packages or sites for teachers and supervisors please include this in the number of paid sites or packages. Please note, we are unable to provide any deluxe camping packages free of charge as they have already been heavily discounted for school/youth groups.

### Camping gear for hire and purchase

The campground has a range of products for hire including:

- Sleeping mats \$5
- Raised camp bed \$10
- Pillows \$5
- Towels \$5

The Visitor Centre also offers a small variety of toiletries, ponchos and torches available to purchase.



### Amenities

#### Kitchen

All campers have access to the communal camping kitchen which features:

- 10 barbeque areas
- Fridge
- Microwave
- Boiling water system

Please note: Cooking utensils, cutlery, plates and dishwashing liquid are not supplied.

#### Shower, toilets and laundry

Campers have access to the communal shower blocks and toilets which feature:

- 13 hot water shower stalls
- Two separate toilet blocks at each end of the campground, with three accessible toilets available (five male, five female, three unisex accessible)

Washing machine and dryer available upon request.

### Catering

Close to your campsite on the Island's Eastern Apron, Soci   Overboard Caf   can cater to your school's particular needs with their special School Catering Packages, or you can choose from the ready-made BBQ Packs Menu to cook at our free campground facilities. Just order in advance and confirm two weeks before you arrive.

[cockatooisland.gov.au/eat](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/eat)

#### Contact Soci   Catering

Phone: (02) 9555 5586

Mobile: 0434 372 260

Email: [societecatering@bigpond.com](mailto:societecatering@bigpond.com)



## Educational activities

### Primary and Secondary curriculum-based tours

#### Our Programs

The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Cockatoo Island played an important role in Australia's maritime and defence history and it retains an incredible legacy of more than 80 colonial and industrial assets. For Sydney's First Nations people, Cockatoo Island was known as 'Wareamah', believed to mean 'woman land'. The Cockatoo Island education programs explore this vast history, and are designed to meet the requirements of several key syllabus areas of the NSW Curriculum. They have been developed to foster enquiry-based learning and to provide a fun and interactive learning experience for students. Comprehensive learning materials are available pre and post-visit.

#### Primary School Tours

##### Convict Times

###### Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2

Students will return to the convict era through dress up and role-play as characters from the island's colourful past.



##### Then, Now & Tomorrow

###### Stage 1 and Stage 2

Through engaging character role-play from different periods of Cockatoo Island's history, the Then, Now & Tomorrow tour encourages children to work together to investigate and share the stories that make up the Island's changing face.



## Secondary School Tours

### Cockatoo Island: History Site Study

#### Stage 4 and Stage 5

Cockatoo Island has a fascinating history which reveals insights into the major social, political and technological progress of Australian society.



### Cockatoo Island: A Social and Maritime Case Study

#### Stage 6 Preliminary and Stage 6 HSC

Cockatoo Island's facilities had a much wider significance beyond the locale in which they existed and became part of worldwide historical processes involving international diplomacy, wars, migration and social development.

**Tour duration:**

2 hours & 30 mins

**Times:**

Mon – Fri

**Costing:** \$12 per student

Teachers and supervisors free of charge

Minimum booking 10 students

**Supervision Ratios:**

Primary 1:10

Secondary 1:20

Special needs 1:1



## Other Activities

### Haunted History Tour

Skeletons, scandals and secrets will spill out of the closet when you join us at dusk for a special tour of Cockatoo Island's hidden histories and mysteries!

With its early colonial beginnings as a prison from which there was no easy escape, to reformatory for orphans and wayward children, and working shipyard for more than a century, no wonder Cockatoo Island is haunted by its history.



### On-Demand General Island Tour

Explore Cockatoo Island and discover its rich history. Guides will recount the stories of its criminals and orphans; as well as the tales of the Island's development and past industrial glories.

[cockatooisland.gov.au/guided-tours](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/guided-tours)



### Vacation Care

Travel through 175 years of stories and experience the escapades of the early convicts through fun and physical games, shadow puppetry and performance. The unique experience of Cockatoo Island makes this an excursion kids will remember — book today.

[cockatooisland.gov.au/vacation-care](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/vacation-care)

#### Tour duration:

2 hours & 30 mins

#### When:

School holiday periods

#### Costing: \$12 per child

Teachers and supervisors  
free of charge Minimum  
booking 10 children

### Recreational Activities

- **Audio Tours** including 26 audio stops. \$5 each.
- **Kids Activity Booklets** suitable for children aged 12 and under including the Convict Clues and Ship Shape Challenges. Free.
- **Basketball** on the Eastern Apron. \$10 per hour.
- **Giant Chess Set** – challenge a friend to a game of giant chess. Free.
- **Quoits, finska, frescobal, hoopla.** \$5 each.
- **Campground Fire** – a great place to sit around and tell tales. Don't forget to bring your marshmallows and sticks. Free. Marshmallows are available for \$5 per bag including sticks.
- **Corn Hole** – a great activity for all ages. Try your skills at getting the cornbag in the hole from a distance. Follow the rules or make up your own. Free.
- **Campground Cinema** – located in the Convict Precinct, the indoor cinema features Mojo Lounge bean bags. A selection of DVDs are available for screening and the cinema can comfortably accommodate up to 30 people. Free.

Ask us about a group cinematic experience including popcorn for \$5 per person.

\*School groups can also facilitate their own educational activities on the island upon request.



## Location

Cockatoo Island is located at the junction of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers just a short ferry ride from Circular Quay.

## Getting There

### Car and Coach

Coach parking can be facilitated at the Lark carpark, Clarke Road, Woolwich. The Island is a 2 minute ferry ride from Woolwich Wharf.

### Ferry Transport

The F8 Cockatoo Island Service runs from Circular Quay. Services also run from Darling Harbour, Barangaroo as well as stops on the Woolwich and Parramatta River services.

## Bookings

Bookings are essential for all school stays and visits to Cockatoo Island.

### Campground Enquiries and Bookings

**Visit** [cockatooisland.gov.au/stay/school-camping](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/stay/school-camping)

**Email** [stay@cockatooisland.gov.au](mailto:stay@cockatooisland.gov.au)

**Phone** (02) 8969 2111

## Education Tours

**Visit** [cockatooisland.gov.au/learn](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/learn)

**Email** [education@harbourtrust.gov.au](mailto:education@harbourtrust.gov.au)



# Booking form

## School / Scout / Guide / Youth Group Booking Request

Please note that this request does not constitute a confirmed booking until you are contacted by Cockatoo Island Camping.

Please answer ALL sections fully. See the following page for details on how to submit your form.

### Camping Pricing (Monday – Thursday)

- Camping sites cost \$35 (BYO tent site)
  - Camping packages cost \$70 (includes two chairs and two sleeping mats)
  - Additional mat hire is \$5 per mat
  - Deluxe camping cost \$104 (includes two single raised camp beds with all linen, quilts and towels and two chairs)
- ### Free tents for teachers
- Tents are free for teachers and supervisors to the ratio of 1:10 tents based on twin share for camping sites and packages only.

GROUP DETAILS			
Name of school / group		Co-ed <input type="checkbox"/> Girls <input type="checkbox"/> Boys <input type="checkbox"/>	
Postal address			
Email address			
Telephone		Fax	
Year / age		No. of children	
Will any students with special needs be attending? (Note: the supervision ratio for special needs students is 1:1)			
No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please provide details)			
Camp contact (Name and mobile number)			
How many supervisors will be attending? (Note: It is essential that groups provide the correct number of supervisors as specified by the Department of Education & Training or relevant governing body if a non-school group.)			
Who is your group’s nominated first-aider whilst visiting Cockatoo Island?			
Name		Mobile	
Are you barging a vehicle onto the Island?			

CAMPING DETAILS			
Arrival date & day			
Departure date & day			
No. of students		No. of adults	
		Cost	Qty required
		Total cost (\$)	
No. camping sites Note: Tent sites include a space for your own tent. Max 4 people per site.		\$35	
		\$35	
Teachers Sites		Free of charge Note: For every 10 paid sites you receive one free camping site	
No. of camping packages for children/students — Twin share Note: Camping packages for groups include the tent site, tent and 2 sleeping mats. (We recommend that you do not exceed 3 persons per tent). This can be changed depending on age of children etc, this can be discussed at the time of booking. Additional sleeping mats for triple share can be added. See additional equipment hire below.		\$70	
		\$70	
Teachers Camping Packages		Free of Charge Note: For every 10 paid camping packages you receive one free camping package	
Deluxe Camping Packages Two single raised camp beds with all linen, quilts and towels.		\$104	

## Booking form continued

THINGS TO DO ON COCKATOO ISLAND			
During your stay, is your group interested in:			
Campground Cinema experience	\$5pp	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
A self-guided audio tour	\$5pp	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other activities		No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please specify below)

Additional equipment for hire			
Sleeping mats	\$5		
Pillows	\$5		
Towels	\$5		
Stretcher Beds	\$10		
Once this has all been confirmed we will email you a confirmation along with an invoice for payment. Full payment is required 2 weeks prior to arrival, if there are any changes to be made we need to be notified prior to this so that we can adjust your invoice for your accounts department.			Total cost (\$)

ORGANISER'S DETAILS			
Name			
Email address			
Telephone		Fax	
Mobile			
What are the best ways and times to contact you?			
Will you be camping with the group? If not, or unsure, please provide the mobile phone number of a supervisor who will be attending.			
No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile	
Have you or your group previously visited Cockatoo Island?	How did you hear about Cockatoo Island Camping?		

## Submitting your booking request form

Complete this booking request, save the PDF to your computer and email to: [stay@cockatooisland.gov.au](mailto:stay@cockatooisland.gov.au)

On receipt of your completed form, the Cockatoo Island Accommodation Team will check the availability of the requested dates.

You will then be sent a confirmation letter, information kit and invoice with all the details needed for your visit. If your preferred dates are not available, the Cockatoo Island Accommodation Team will contact you to discuss possible alternatives.

**Accounts:** Please also note that your invoice needs to be paid 14 days prior to your group's arrival date.

### Further information

For any camping-related queries, please contact Harbour Trust Accommodation on (02) 8969 2111 or email [stay@cockatooisland.gov.au](mailto:stay@cockatooisland.gov.au)

For any information regarding school excursions, tours or activities to do during your visit to Cockatoo Island, please email [education@harbourtrust.gov.au](mailto:education@harbourtrust.gov.au)