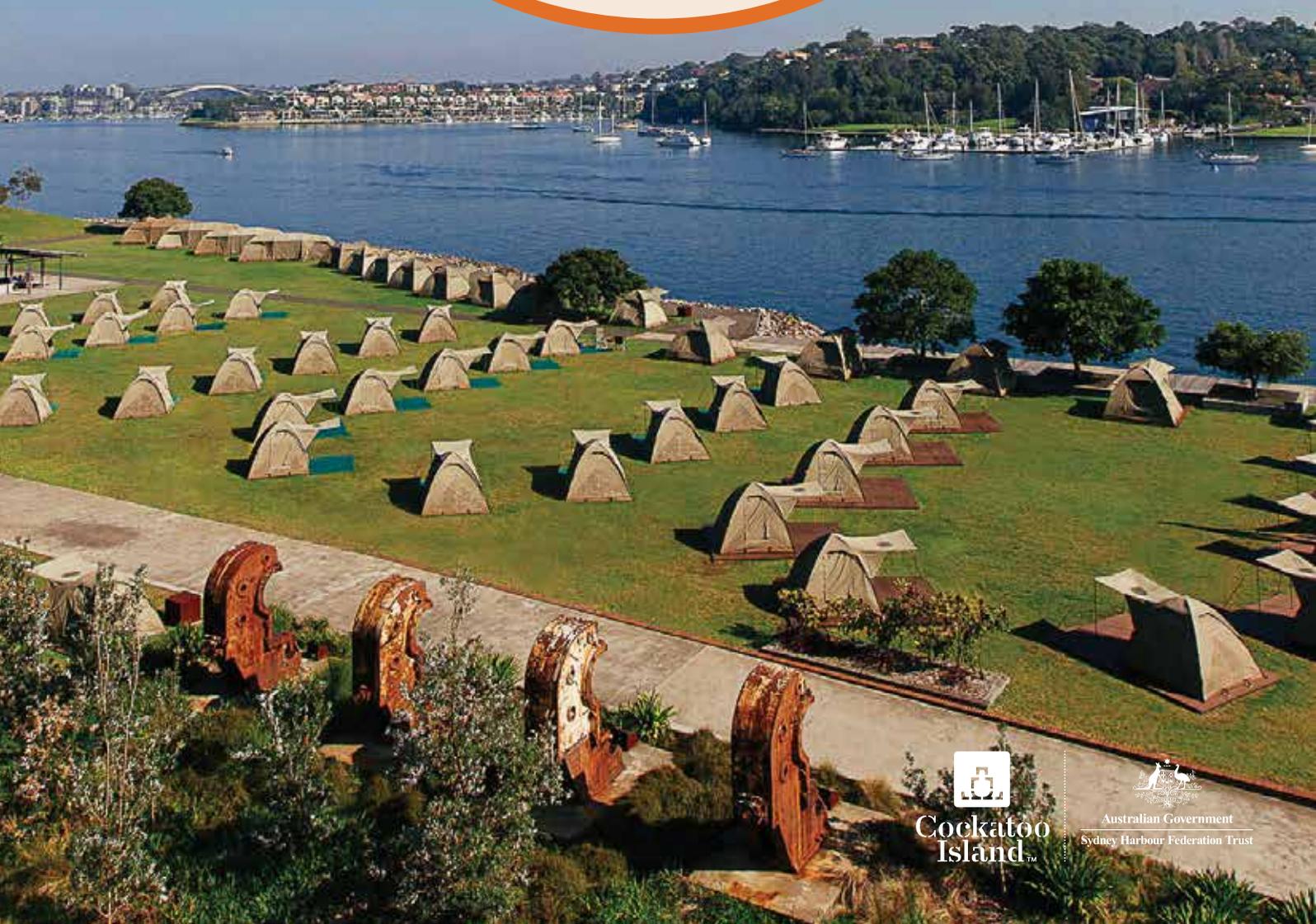


# Cockatoo Island School Camping

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: \$115 twin share

One of the easiest ways to camp on Cockatoo - we'll set up your tent and bedding and we'll also add some luxury toiletries.

#### 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 – \$80 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 \$10 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: \$40 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 \$10 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 \$10
- 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, Societe Overboard Café 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 Societe Catering

Phone: (02) 9555 5586

Mobile: 0434 372 260

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

## Educational activities

### Primary and high school programs

**Attention Teachers:** Want your class to experience authentic primary sources and deepen their historical learning? Escape the classroom for an engaging, Outcomes-based learning experience at Cockatoo Island / Wareamah, Sydney Harbour!

Formerly a convict prison and dockyard, Cockatoo Island is a great place for your students to extend their understanding of Australia’s layered historical narrative. As they explore historical spaces with one of our knowledgeable guides, they will learn about the people who once lived and worked here and develop their historical learning skills. Critically, our education programs for Stages 1 to 6 meet both NSW Syllabus and Australian Curriculum Outcomes.

- **Cost:** \$14 per student (min. 10 per group), teachers/supervisors are FREE
- **Available:** Monday to Thursday by appointment



PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS	HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three programs available: <i>Making History</i> (Stage 1), <i>Convict Times</i> (Stage 2) and <i>Then, Now and Tomorrow</i> (Stage 3).</li> <li>• Programs bookended by pre- and post-visit lesson plans, forming an entire lesson sequence.</li> <li>• Pre- and post-visit lesson plans, resources and activities provide teachers with excursion-specific orientation and consolidate student knowledge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two programs available: <i>History Site Study</i> (Stages 4 &amp; 5) and <i>Social and Maritime Case Study</i> (Stage 6).</li> <li>• Programs use storytelling and on-site resources to extend and consolidate historical learning.</li> <li>• Students will consider what it was like to be a convict and a dockyard worker, and reflect on community-led actions to protect the island from developers.</li> </ul>

**For more information about our school programs and to make a booking, visit: [cockatooisland.gov.au/learn](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/learn)**

## Other activities

### Dark Past (by appointment)

Secrets. Scandals. Skeletons... Cockatoo Island has its fair share of all three. Discover for yourself with our intrigue-filled Dark Past Tour.

As you visit iconic landmarks and buildings from different eras, including the convict workshops and Biloela House, our guide will blend history with mystery to captivate your imagination!

- Tour available by appointment only, and six-weeks' notice is required for bookings.
- \$14 per student, and teachers / supervisors are FREE.
- To request this tour, visit:  
**[cockatooisland.gov.au/en/learn/request-a-program](http://cockatooisland.gov.au/en/learn/request-a-program)**



### Recreational Activities

- **Audio Tours** including 26 audio stops. \$6 each.
- **Kids Activity Booklet** suitable for children aged 12 and under including a Convict Clues Challenge - \$2.50 each.
- **Basketball** on the Eastern Apron. \$10 per hour - \$5 Ball hire.
- **Giant Chess Set** – challenge a friend to a game of giant chess. Free.
- **Quoits, finska, frescobal, hoopla** – \$5 each. You will need a form of identity to hire.
- **Campground Fire** – a great place to sit around and tell tales. It is weather dependant. Don't forget to bring your marshmallows and sticks. Free.
- **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 next to 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 100 people. Free.

Marshmallows are available for \$7 per bag including sticks.

Ask us about an exclusive group cinematic experience for up to 30 people in the Convict Precinct Cinema for a daily hire fee of \$350.00.

Popcorn is available for \$5 per bag.

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## 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 \$40 (BYO tent site)
- Camping packages cost \$80 (includes two chairs and two sleeping mats)
- Additional mat hire is \$10 per mat
- Deluxe camping cost \$115 (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			
Is it the same group of Students each night or will there be a change over?			
No. of students		No. of adults	
		Cost	Qty required
			Total cost (\$)
No. camping sites <small>Note: Tent sites include a space for your own tent. Max 4 people per site.</small>		\$40	
Teachers Sites		\$40	
		Free of charge <small>Note: For every 10 paid sites you receive one free camping site</small>	
No. of camping packages for children/students — Twin share <small>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.</small>		\$80	
Teachers Camping Packages		\$80	
		Free of Charge <small>Note: For every 10 paid camping packages you receive one free camping package</small>	
Deluxe Camping Packages <small>Two single raised camp beds with all linen, quilts and towels.</small>		\$115	

## Booking form continued

THINGS TO DO ON COCKATOO ISLAND		
During your stay, is your group interested in:		
Exclusive Convince Cinema Experience (max 30 people)	Daily Hire \$350.00	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
A self-guided audio tour	\$6pp	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other activities		No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please specify below)
Popping Popcorn	\$6 per bag	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Marshmallows	\$7 per bag	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE			
Sleeping mats	\$10		
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 and information kit with all the details needed for your visit if we have the availability. If your preferred dates are not available, the Cockatoo Island Accommodation Team will contact you to discuss possible alternatives.

**Accounts:** Approximately 3 weeks prior to arrival an invoice will be raised once we have confirmed your final numbers.

**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 Education Programs to do during your visit to Cockatoo Island, please email [education@harbourtrust.gov.au](mailto:education@harbourtrust.gov.au)

\*Please be advised that the campground is open to the general public and teacher supervision is required at all times.