

## Holiday Activity Program Medical Information and Permission Form

Thank you for enrolling your child in the Holiday Activity Program. This fact sheet provides general answers to questions you may have about the Medical Information and Permission Form.

So that Council is made aware of any changes to your medical or family details, we require you to fill in a new form for each holiday period. While this is a legal requirement, it is intended as a safeguard for you and your children.

**Contacts:** We ask for these details in the event of emergencies. We ask for three in case the first contacts are not available. We still need this information even if you are staying with your child/ren, in case the medical emergency involves yourself, for example.

**Ambulance Service:** We seek authorisation from you in order to seek medical or dental treatment in the case of emergency. We ask for your authorisation to engage ambulance treatment.

**Disabilities:** We ask this to ensure that in this respect we provide adequate facilities and best service so that your child will enjoy the event. We endeavour to do our best with our available resources. We may make further contact with you to obtain more information.

We ask information about special requirements, so that we have an opportunity to discuss with you the nature of the activity so that you have a good understanding of what it entails before making an informed decision about your child's participation in the activity.

**Medical problems or recent injuries:** The stress of physical activities can possibly bring on medical problems. We ask for this information in order to be best prepared. We ask about food allergies, as some activities may involve food.

We ask that you let us know as soon as possible if medical details change after you've completed the form, particularly if your child/ren should come down with a certifiable communicable disease prior to or closely after their participation in the programs.

**Fears:** We ask this question, as with some of our outdoor activities we need to know if children are scared of certain things such as insects as this may effect their participation in the activities. If your child is, for example, afraid of crossing pedestrian bridges, IndigiScapes staff will attempt to ensure that they use paths without bridges.

**Safety and duty of care:** You have signed a declaration in relation to Safety and Duty of Care. We have reprinted this section on this Fact Sheet for your ongoing information.

- I understand that Redland City Council provides the activity but not a child care facility for my child/ren.
- I understand that Redland City Council is acting as a facilitator in relation to activities at non-Council facilities. Council's responsibilities are limited to the coordination of transport to and from certain activity venues and in the collection of and payment of entry fees on behalf of participants. When at the activity venue, participants will be under the care and control of the activity provider who will assume responsibility for participants.

- I understand that I must remain with my child/ren under the age of 8 years for the duration of the activity, or arrange for an alternative care-giver to supervise them (not including Council staff providing the activity).
- Parents of participants need to make a decision on participation or otherwise in the activity bearing in mind the age, maturity and physical health/ stature of the participant and the physical demands of the activity. This decision is important and should be carefully considered. Council accepts no responsibility in this respect.
- I understand that Redland City Council takes all reasonable steps to meet the needs of all individual children. However, Redland City Council also has a duty to provide a safe and appropriate environment for all children and staff of the Program. To this end, Redland City Council reserves the right to decline enrolment or participation in the program where:
  - a) the child presents a risk to the health or safety of the other children and/or staff of the Holiday Activity Program
  - b) having regard to the nature and cost of any special service or facility required, the child's special needs cannot, after all reasonable attempts are made, be met by the Holiday Activity Program without causing undue disruptions and detriment to the other children and/or staff of the Program.

- I understand that Redland City Council has agreed that the participant/s shall participate in the Program subject to the parent/ guardian of the participant/s indemnifying Council against claims for loss and damage caused as a result of such participation. The parent/guardian of the participant/s indemnifies and will at all times keep the Council, its servants and agents indemnified from and against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs and expenses in respect of any injuries, loss or damage however caused and whether through the negligence of the Council, its servants or agents or otherwise and in any way connected with participation in the Program.

If, on reflection, you no longer feel comfortable with any aspects of your child/ren's involvement in the programs, please advise us of your intention to cancel your bookings by phoning 3829 8305.

