

# EXCURSION POLICY

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<b>ENVIRONMENT – THE MAZE, HOME OF OUTBACK SPLASH</b>	
<p>Located 45 minutes north of Perth, The Maze, home of Outback Splash is a 32 acre park offering a unique range of games and activities guaranteed to challenge your students' problem solving ability and develop their team building skills. The Maze, is suitable for all ages offering approximately 70% dry attractions and 30% wet attractions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum depth of any of the water attractions throughout the park is 0.3 metres (300mm)</li> <li>• The water attractions, although not gated, are in a separate area of the park</li> <li>• The Maze Team are responsible for providing a safe and enjoyable environment for your students and therefore all rides, attractions and facilities are maintained and operated at a high level to ensure guest safety</li> <li>• Schools are assigned an area in the park on arrival to use as a meeting point for lunches, safety briefings and in case of emergencies. Shelters are available, however, must be pre-booked</li> <li>• There are toilet facilities, showers and change rooms located throughout the park including facilities with wheelchair access</li> <li>• Current Dry Attractions include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6 Mazes</li> <li>○ 9 holes of mini golf, Giant Jumping Pillow</li> <li>○ Children's Playground</li> <li>○ Koala Experience, an informative presentation from our koala keepers</li> <li>○ Kangaroos, Emus &amp; Walk-in native bird aviary</li> <li>○ Parkland and picnic areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Current Water Attractions include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outback Splash Water Slide Playground</li> <li>○ The Plummet Inflatable Slide</li> <li>○ Toddler Splash Zone (max depth 300mm)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Structured group activities are also available on request.</p>	
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	
<p>Transport to The Maze, home of Outback Splash should be arranged by each school attending. The are parking facilities located at The Maze with designated parking for buses. There is a specific bus drop of and pick up area in The Maze, home of Outback Splash carpark to ensure students can safely load/unload from buses or other transport vehicles. Please refer to <i>The Maze, home of Outback Splash Bus Drop of Procedure</i> for directional details and ensure that this procedure is forwarded to all relevant persons prior to your visit</p>	

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Approx. Time Requirements*</b>	<b>Additional Notes</b>
Timber Maze	Originally built in 1981 the main maze is constructed from timber and spread over 2500m <sup>2</sup> , making it Perth's largest maze! The Maze also includes a lookout tower & super-slide	20 minutes	
Hedge Maze	A more traditional style Hedge Maze that is spread over 2000m <sup>2</sup> . The Hedge Maze also features some unusual Australian facts located in some of the 20+ dead ends!	15 minutes	
Tayla's Tangle	Constructed from 75 metres of colourful rope, intertwined between posts to form a tangled web. Students who wish to take up the challenge are attached to the maze with a purpose built band and charged with task of navigating through the twists and turns of the knotted web, to reach the end of their rope in the fastest time possible.	10 minutes	A maximum of 4 students can participate at any one time
Danae's Dilemma	This No Left Hand Turn Maze is an exercise of logic! Students are given the task of navigating their way through the maze without turning left or making U-turns.	10 minutes	
Phil's Frustration	This No Right Hand Turn Maze looks easy but it's tricky. Students must make their way through the maze without turning right or making U-turns.	10 minutes	
Tractor Tyre Maze	Don't be fooled by the bright colours and the fun and friendly appearance; this is easily the most difficult of the brain-teaser mazes. To conquer this maze students will need to find their way to the giant tyre in the middle by crossing from tyre to tyre across the orange, yellow and blue planks in colour sequence.	20 – 30 minutes	
Mini Golf	Play 9 holes of traditional miniature golf. Each track is individually shaped presenting 9 unique challenges for your students!	30 minutes	Recommend breaking up into small groups of 6 players with each group starting on different tracks to limit wait times. Groups can simply move through the course until all tracks have been played. <b>ADULT SUPERVISION</b> is a must at all times.

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Garden Chess	Played outdoors on a massive 3.6m x 3.6m chess board, the ultimate game of strategy is brought to life with each chess piece standing 2 feet high.	N/A	A limit of 2 players (or 2 teams)
Giant Jumping Pillow	Suitable for all ages the jumping pillow covers an area of over 220m <sup>2</sup> and will be very popular with students.	5-15 minutes	
Kangaroos, Emus & native birds	Visit our walk through Kangaroo enclosure, walk in aviary & emu enclosure and meet our resident native wildlife!	10 minutes	
Koala Experience	Our cute & cuddly Koalas are favourite amongst all our visitors with a Koala Talk occurring at 2pm daily. A private talk from one of our resident Koala Keepers can be arranged by appointment.	15 minutes	Private Koala Talks need to be pre-booked, fees apply
Outback Splash Waterslide Playground	Outback Splash is a 3 story waterslide playground which is fun for all ages. Height and weight restrictions apply. Slides end in a 30cm deep run out trough, NO POOL	N/A	A teacher must be present in the splash pad area while students are using the waterslide.
The Plummet Inflatable Waterslide	Standing over 10 meters high with a 7 metre drop, The Plummet, is the Park's brand new inflatable slide that will keep the kids entertained for hours!	N/A	The Plummet operates on restricted opening hours. Please check with The Maze Team for applicable hours.
Octopus Bay Kids Splash Zone	A 0-300mm deep wading pool with beach entry and splash play activities. Supervised by Royal Life Saving qualified Lifeguards.	N/A	Specifically for children under the age of 10.
The Maze Treasure Hunt	Available on request only. Students are required to solve a series of riddles discover the location of 6 hidden numbers. These numbers combine to unlock the Treasure Chest.	30-60 minutes	Can be completed individually or in groups. Treasure Chest 'prize/s' to be supplied by school.

Please allow a 5-10 minute change over time between activities, as the park is spread over a large area and it takes a while to walk from one activity to the next.

## FACILITIES

The Maze, home of Outback Splash has a wide range of facilities available to Guests including:

- **Free Gas BBQs and Picnic Area:** bring along a picnic or use one of the many gas BBQ's available in the grounds. Our huge trees provide plenty of shade for the perfect picnic setting.
- **Café Iguana:** located onsite, Café Iguana offers a selection of freshly prepared food & beverage items. A range of catering options are available for classes who do not wish to bring their own lunches (bookings essential).
- **Picnic Huts & Cabana:** under cover areas are available for classes to use as a central meeting point, an outdoor classroom and a place for students to eat their lunches. Teachers wishing to use one of these areas must reserve it when booking their class excursion (fees apply)
- **First Aid Facilities:** There is a fully stocked First Aid Room onsite. The First Aid Room is not staffed at all times however there is a First Aid Officer on duty at all times should they be required.
- **Disability Access:** The majority of the park is accessible by paved pathways suitable for wheelchairs or other mobility devices. There are also disable toilet/shower/change room facilities onsite.

## STUDENTS

The Maze, home of Outback Splash is suitable for all ages and welcomes students from all schools. Students can participate in any of the activities & attractions available onsite.

**Allergy Warning:** At certain times throughout the year, the prevalence of bees increases due to the proximity of the surrounding bushland. Please be aware of this if any of your students have an allergy.

Please note that there are physical requirements for some of our attractions and these can be discussed in advanced if required.

## SUPERVISION STRATEGIES

The Maze Team will welcome your class on arrival, however the teacher in charge, and school supervisory team, is responsible for the supervision and specific requirement of you students.

Due to the extensive nature and size of the park, it is imperative that student groups and directly supervised by an adult at all times.

Please be aware that members of the general public may be visiting the park at the same time as you school and we would appreciate your students demonstrating responsible behaviour to ensure an enjoyable experience for all.

It is a requirement of The Maze that each student group is closely supervised by a member of your supervisory team. We suggest breaking your class up into smaller groups of up to 20 students. Our recommended ratios are:

Years 1 - 3: 1 adult supervisor to 6 students

Years 4 - 5: 1 adult supervisor to 8 students

Years 6+: 1 adult supervisor to 10 students

**Water Attractions:** All waterslide attractions are monitored by qualified Attraction Attendants however schools must also ensure their students are supervised by their supervisory team at all times. The Octopus Bay Kids Splash Zone is also monitored by qualified lifeguards at the ratios outlined by the governing authorities.

The recommended ratios may vary according to the needs of your students. Please feel free to discuss supervision requirements with our Schools Coordinator.

## IDENTIFICATION STRATEGIES

Upon arrival students and supervisors will be given a coloured wrist band to identify participants of the excursion. It is, however, also recommended that students wear school uniforms as an additional form of identification when participating in our Dry Attractions. The Maze, home of Outback Splash is open to the general public and it is important that your supervisory team can easily identify your students.

## EXTERNAL PROVIDER INFORMATION

Each and every Maze Team Member receives specialist training and holds the relevant industry formal qualification where one exists and/or is required.

All our Lifeguards hold a current Royal Life Saving Pool Lifeguarding qualification.

Our already extensive safety procedures are constantly under review with high levels of training provided to all Team Members on an ongoing basis.

Our First Aid Officers hold current Provide First Aid & CPR certificates.

Our public liability insurance is \$20,000,000 and copy of our certificate of currency can be downloaded from our website or can be emailed on request. This insurance policy does not cover loss or damage of personal belongings. We recommend that you remind your students that they are responsible for their own belongings at all times.

## COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Most major mobile phone providers have coverage throughout the greater part of the park. However there are a few 'black spots' and we strongly recommend that the Teacher in charge arrange a meeting point and timetable of activities for supervisors, before arriving at the park. A park map can be downloaded from our website to facilitate this planning process. Teachers are welcome to book one of the picnic huts to use as a central meeting point for students, please note that these must be reserved at the time of booking and are subject to availability.

The Maze Team Members have access to handheld radios and a public address system should they be required.

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The Maze, home of Outback Splash has an evacuation procedure for the entire park. In the unlikely event that an evacuation is required, The Maze Emergency Response Team will direct all actions.

It is essential that school guests take direction from The Maze Team Members at all times. In the event of an evacuation students should make their way back to their supervising adult who, once a head count is conducted and all students accounted for, should quickly & calmly direct their group to the nearest emergency evacuation point and await further instructions from The Maze Team.

Teachers can increase safety by always ensuring they meet the recommended supervision requirements (outlined above) and by strongly encouraging students to adhere to The Maze, home of Outback Splash safety rules.

The Maze, home of Outback Splash also recommends that the teacher-in-charge has a list of all students and school staff attending the park in the event of a roll call being necessary. All Maze Team Members are trained in evacuation procedures and our first priority is to ensure the safety of our guests.

Further details on our emergency response procedures can be found in the following documents:

*The Maze School Excursion Emergency Response Procedures.*

## BREIFING STUDENTS & SUPERVISOR

To ensure a safe and enjoyable excursion to The Maze, it is recommended that the teacher in charge communicate all relevant information to their students and supervisory team prior to your visit.

Upon arrival, we escort the group to your designated area and brief the students & staff on any relevant safety information (if required).

Students have the responsibility to follow all instructions of all The Maze Team Members. Should any misconduct occur teachers will be notified and the student involved may be banned from an activity/s.

Any students perceived to have been misbehaving in the park will be reported to the supervisory team and may be asked to leave the park.