

# Townsville Water Eco-catchment Education Tours

Our eco-catchment education tours offer a chance to experience our natural environment up close and follow the water cycle from creek to coral. We want our tours to be fun and exciting as you discover the connections between people, wildlife and the environment.

Before we start our journey, there are a few guidelines that you need to know to help ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable tour. Below are safety tips to follow when participating in our eco-catchment tours.

Risk	Control
Sun Exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always wear a broad-brimmed hat</li> <li>• Apply sunscreen (SPF 30+). Re-apply every few hours or as directed on the label</li> <li>• You can minimise sun exposure by standing in the shade as much as possible, wearing long-sleeved shirt, trousers and sunglasses</li> </ul>
Dehydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring food and a water bottle</li> <li>• Remember to stop and take regular breaks</li> <li>• Re-fill your water bottle at designated drink stops</li> </ul>
Cuts, Insect bites, and Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform the tour guide of any incident or injury</li> <li>• Do not handle any syringes or sharp objects that you may find</li> <li>• Sturdy enclosed shoes to must be worn</li> </ul>
Trips and Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay on the designated walking track</li> <li>• Do not run</li> <li>• Walk in single file along narrow tracks</li> <li>• Hold guard railings where appropriate and remain within safety barriers</li> </ul>
Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use due caution when walking on tracks or grassy areas</li> <li>• Stay calm and avoid wildlife if you encounter any</li> <li>• Look after others. Alert people of any wildlife that you see so that they can avoid it too</li> </ul>
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the directions of the tour guide when crossing any roads</li> <li>• Be alert to any traffic when exiting buses</li> <li>• Use allocated pedestrian crossing or walking areas</li> </ul>
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be mindful around water. Stay within safety railings and following the instructions of your tour guide</li> <li>• If on a boat, become familiar with where the life jackets are located.</li> </ul>

**Please note: Behaviour management is the school’s responsibility. Teachers are expected to supervise their students at all times.**

All our tour educators hold current Working with Children Blue Cards and are certified in Senior First Aid. Sunscreen, insect repellent and a first aid kit will be carried by the tour guide during the tour. However, teachers are encouraged to bring these items along for their students to use as necessary.

If you have any medical conditions, allergies or special requirements, please let the tour facilitator know prior to the start of the tour so that we can strive to best accommodate your needs.