



Memo to: Confirmed Maud Island Group 2016  
Namely: Jordan, George, Taylor, Tayla, Rico, Anika, Kimberley, Jessie, Ashelyn, Kane  
Date: 13 May 2016  
From: Mrs Wearing (027 275 6380)  
Re: Maud Island Overnighter 24/25 May 2016

Kia ora Parent/Caregiver

Your son/daughter has been accepted to participate in the Pelorus schools' overnight experience on Maud Island on Tuesday 24 May and Wednesday 25 May. We are anticipating a very enjoyable and educational trip based of course very squarely around the realities of conserving our unique flora and fauna and how as a nation we are working to achieve this and retain the biodiversity in the larger scheme of things.



As Maud Island is a sanctuary for unique, rare, and endangered species of wildlife there are stringent regulations that need to be strictly adhered to in order to maintain the environment that has been established there.

Students must ensure their clothing is free from any organism (seeds, grass etc) that may contaminate the environment, causing possible harm to the wildlife and their habitat. Areas to be particularly vigilant about are socks, shoes, the inside of pockets, and Velcro fastenings as these are favoured sites of harmful hitch-hikers. Please help your child to check that their clothes and shoes are hitch-hiker free.

Luggage is not permitted onto the island so students' gear and equipment will be transferred from bags/packs into suitable containers for transportation at the DoC base when the quarantine check is done. Students need to be at DoC's Queen Charlotte Drive base by 08:00 on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> with all their gear as stated on the list below.

Once checked and repacked we will need some help getting to the Havelock Marina. The trip to and from Maud Island is by a DoC approved commercial operator.

Paperwork etc needs to be completed for all visiting the island. I need to have everyone's forms ready and collated by Tuesday 17 May for DoC consents etc.

Enclosed with this letter are trip requirements including:

- Consent Form (5.91.5)
- Health Profile (5.91.6)
- Gear List incl info on food, accommodation and tips (hereunder)
- [DoC Packing Quarantine Advisory & Audit Checklist](#)



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## GEAR LIST

- Sleeping bag
- Single bed sheet
- Pillowcase
- Wet weather gear
- Warm clothing
- Good walking shoes/boots (with good tread)
- Personal toiletries
- Torch with good beam
- Spare batteries
- Water bottle - full
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Sunhat
- Any medication required (inhalers, etc)
- Plastic bag for rubbish/wrappers etc
- Pack for transporting to DoC and from marina to home



## FOOD

- Drink bottle (full)
- Cut lunch (for Day 1)
- Breakfast (for themselves)
- Dinner, precooked food that can be reheated and shared (pizza, lasagne, quiche, etc)
- Snack food to share (home baking, biscuits, muesli bars, etc)

## ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation is provided at Comalco Lodge, which is equipped with power, cooking gear (cutlery, pots, pans, etc), bunks, mattresses, and pillows.
- A telephone is available for emergencies.

## USEFUL TIPS

- There is no time to cook from scratch so food needs to be able to be reheated easily.
- Try to keep packaging to a minimum as whatever 'rubbish' is brought to the island will need to be taken home for disposal. Encourage your child to be enviro-friendly and pack smart to save waste.
- Maud Island has a very limited water supply so it is advisable that students shower in the morning of the trip and when they get home.