

# Daradgee

## Environmental Education Centre

**Daradgee** – This centre caters for residential camping or day visits in a semi-rural setting with nearby rainforest and access to the North Johnstone River. Visits feature environmental aspects of our region combined with educational and fun activities.

Programs also emphasise group problem solving and team building. The centre can be a base from which groups can visit popular and unique local attractions.

The centre provides:

- Accommodation and catering for groups of small to medium (50+) size
- A safe and secure facility
- A variety of educational programs
- Strict monitoring and supervision

Daradgee is well suited for overnight and multi-day stays. Many activities and programs can be prepared to suit a longer duration. Programs may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

International groups are able to take advantage of our location, one hour south of Cairns, to mix and match program activities with visits to nearby areas of interest. We are located 12 kilometres from the town of Innisfail which also has a number of facilities and attractions. Some examples include:

**Etty Bay** – (35 minutes from Daradgee) This area is very scenic and suitable for swimming most of the year. Beach and surf lifesaving activities can be included in the program.

**Ma mu Canopy Walk** – (30 minutes from Daradgee) Visitors can enjoy walks within and above the wet tropical rainforest which include spectacular views of the North Johnstone River.

**Paronella Park** – This park is a winner of several tourism awards. It is set within beautiful grounds surrounded by rainforest and adjacent to a creek and waterfall, it also has a 'Castle' with a unique story.

**Wet Tropical Rainforest walks and trails** – at various locations. In addition to Daradgee's remnant forest there are many walks suited to students of different ages and abilities within driving distance of our centre.

### Rainforest and Freshwater Creek

Walk, observe and investigate the remnant rainforest at Daradgee or at nearby venues. Only four kilometers from our centre is a rainforest creek suitable for freshwater investigation activities. There are a number of rainforest attractions in our district.

### Boating on the Johnstone River

Adjacent to our centre is the North Johnstone River along which the Daraji Sunbird, our 23 seat vessel, can provide tours in the nearby area or downstream to the mangroves and beaches at the mouth of the river. The boat is also able to transport a group to alternative venues downstream. Sustainable recreational fishing can be engaged in from the beach or the boat.

### Team Building and Challenge by Choice

A number of problem solving team-based challenges are incorporated in group programs or form the basis of a leadership theme. The focus is on participants' creative thinking, problem solving, communication, developing plans and carrying them out in group situations. We value respect, communication and team work. The use of our low ropes course and artificial climbing wall is undertaken with a team building focus.



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## Rainforest and Freshwater Creek Program


TIME	PROGRAM DETAIL	
9:00am	Arrival at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre Induction and overview of the day	<b>Standard Inclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities delivered by Queensland registered teachers</li> <li>• Centre staff are certified for Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Catering (all meals as specified in program)</li> <li>• Certificate for each participant</li> <li>• Staff hold Marine qualification of Coxswain</li> </ul> 
9:45am	Introduction to the rainforest and creeks Creek characteristics and creatures Use of equipment	
10:30am	Morning tea - (Fruit, home-made biscuits and drink)	
11:00am	Bus to Polly Creek (4km) for orientation, hands-on investigation and surveying	
12:30pm	Lunch - (Meat and salad sandwiches, fruit and drink)	
12:30pm	Creek sketching - cross-section model Brief swim (optional)	
2:15pm	Return bus to Daradgee Environmental Education Centre	
3:00pm	Debrief, participant certificate presentation Group departure	

## Boating on the Johnstone River

TIME	PROGRAM DETAIL	
9:00am	Arrival at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre Induction and overview of the day	<b>Standard inclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities delivered by Queensland registered teachers</li> <li>• Centre staff are certified for Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Catering (all meals as specified in program)</li> <li>• Certificate for each participant</li> </ul> 
9:45am	Boat excursion from Daradgee through Innisfail to The Coconuts Beach	
10:00am	Morning tea - (Fruit, home-made biscuits and drink)	
11:00am	Arrival at beach - Beach and fishing activities. Beach-combing survey, beach sport or art, bait gathering and fishing	
12:15pm	Lunch - (Meat and salad sandwiches, fruit and drink)	
12:45pm	Activities continued Return to Daradgee via boat* or bus	
3:00pm	Participant certificate presentation and group departure	

**\*Please Note:** Boat capacity is 20 students. For groups with greater numbers, rotational groups can be organised. Times will be amended accordingly

## Team Building and Challenge by Choice

TIME	PROGRAM DETAIL	
9:00am	Arrival at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre Induction and overview of the day Ice-breaker and group discussion What makes an effective leader and team member?	<b>Standard inclusions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities delivered by Queensland registered teachers</li> <li>• Centre staff are certified for Senior First Aid</li> <li>• Catering (all meals as specified in program)</li> <li>• Certificate for each participant</li> </ul> 
10:15am	Morning tea - (Fruit, home-made biscuits and drink)	
11:00am	Top Rope Climbing^ - high climbing on Daradgee's climbing wall	
12:00pm	Lunch - Aussie BBQ	
1:00pm	Low ropes challenge course Mohawk walk group challenge	
3:00pm	Participant certificate presentation and group departure	

**^Please Note:** Maximum numbers for Top Rope Climbing are 24 students. Larger groups can be split and rotated through the above listed activities or other challenge activities.