

Activity Ideas for the School Holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand that many families may not be able to, or choose not to, travel this extended school holidays. As part of our holistic focus on your child, we have listed below some ideas and links to possible activities that are cost effective, safe and extend beyond video games.

Please note that these are simply suggestions and will still require parental supervision and risk assessment.

\$100 Vouchers - Information for Parents

The NSW Government is helping kids get active and creative with the new Active Kids and Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher for Active kids and a voucher for Creative Kids. Each voucher has a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for sports, creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

Creative Kids (up to \$100)	Active Kids (up to \$100)
<p>To Apply, follow the link: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher#links</p> <p>Creative Kids Providers: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-creative-kids-provider</p>	<p>To Apply, follow the link: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher</p> <p>Active Kids Providers: https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-active-kids-provider</p>

Year	Ideas / Community Contact
Primary	<p>National Trust Centre on Observatory Hill has activity sessions for young children in painting and craft.</p> <p>Flower Power have gardening classes for kids, so does Bunnings.</p> <p>Before Christmas get the whole family to go into the city one evening and visit the light show outside St Mary's Cathedral and then walk to Martin Place to see the huge Christmas tree and lights.</p> <p>Visit the Botanic Gardens and walk down to the Harbour to have a picnic lunch.</p> <p>The Australian Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour usually has a program for children and the Creative Kids Voucher can be used to pay for the program. The voucher is worth \$100 and can be applied for online.</p>
Secondary	<p>Before Christmas get the whole family to go into the city one evening and visit the light show outside St Mary's Cathedral and then walk to Martin Place to see the huge Christmas tree and lights.</p> <p>Catch the ferry from Circular Quay to Watson's Bay for swimming in the enclosed Harbour pool and get take away food from the various shops or take a picnic lunch. There are beautiful trees to picnic under in the shade.</p> <p>Get the train from Central to the Blue Mountains and get off at Katoomba and then use the hop on hop off bus to visit the local sites.</p> <p>Get some friends together and visit the Botanic Gardens and walk down to the Harbour to have a picnic lunch.</p> <p>Go with a group of friends to Taronga Zoo. Travel by ferry from Circular Quay or bus from Sydenham Station. The bus is cheaper and you go over the Harbour Bridge on the bus.</p> <p>Go to Edgecliffe station on the train and then get the 325 bus which will take you to Parsley Bay. The swimming is good and if you aren't a strong swimmer it doesn't have waves as it's a netted harbour bay. There's limited parking if you travel by car.</p> <p>Spend the day at Sans Souci at the end of Sanoni Ave where the water is calm and you can swim or paddle. Plus, the café called Kiss the Barista has lovely lunches and good coffee for the adults.</p>
All ages	<p>Bike riding at Bicentennial Park Homebush or Centennial Park. Bike hire available at both venues.</p> <p>Bike ride from Beaman Park to the Airport (own bikes needed) then stop for lunch.</p>

Australian Museum - general entry is free for a limited time so check before you go. General admission includes entry to all permanent exhibitions as well as Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year.

Art Gallery of NSW - general entry is free to see the collection.

Museum of Contemporary Art - general entry is free to see the collection.

White Rabbit Gallery - collection of international Chinese contemporary art. Free entry. Wednesday – Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM.

Other Providers

<https://www.bricks4kidz.com.au/>

<https://www.pycnsw.org.au/marrickville/>

<https://www.gymkidz.com.au/>

<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/explore/parks-sport-and-recreation/parks-and-playgrounds/parks-by-suburb/marrickville-parks/steel-park-water-play-park>

<https://www.aquaticcentre.com.au/Things-to-Do>

<https://www.flipout.net.au/>

<https://www.skyzone.com.au/locations/alexandria>

<https://cableswakepark.com.au/>

<https://www.waterworldcentral.com.au/>