Dear Players and Parents,

The essential information you need to know about the 2018 Development Carnival is listed below and in the documents found on the BEARS website. If you have any questions relating to this information prior to the championships please contact your team officials.

**Travel Details:**

Players and Officials need to arrive at Wynnum Manly Cricket Club, Boundary Road, Tingalpa at 12:15pm Sunday 7th January. A charter bus will depart at 1pm and go via Zillmere to pick up a North Brisbane team before travelling to Alexandra Park Conference Centre, 13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands, 5443 8966 [www.alexpark.com.au](http://www.alexpark.com.au). Expected arrival time at Conference centre is 5pm.

A charter bus will also transport players and officials to and from the grounds during the carnival.

The charter bus will also transport players and officials back from the carnival leaving the Nambour Showgrounds at approximately 6pm Friday 12th January and arrive back at the Wynnum Manly Cricket Club at approximately 8:30pm.

**Accommodation:**

All players and officials will be staying at the Alexandra Park Conference Centre, 13 Mari Street, Alexandra Headlands. Alexandra Park is a youth retreat where schools conduct leadership and development programs. The Park is set in a natural bush setting and players will share accommodation with 3 to 4 team mates in each large dorm room. There is a connecting bathroom attached to each room. The dorm rooms are called ‘Banksia Ensuites’. Please note that you will be sharing these facilities with other groups so best behaviour required as you are representing BEARS.

**Included in Fees Paid**

**Clothing:**

2x BEARS Playing Shirts  
BEARS White Floppy Hat  
BEARS Training Cap  
BEARS Baggie Cap  
BEARS Travel Shorts  
Bears Travel Shirt  
2x BEARS Drink Bottles  
BEARS Back-Pack  
BEARS Cricket Kit Bag

*(Please ensure everything especially clothing and cricket gear is clearly named)*
Other:
All meals for the duration of the Carnival (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Laundry cost during Carnival
Accommodation @ Alexandra Park
Transport to and from the carnival and to and from each playing ground each day.

What to Bring:
Bedding - Pillow, sheets and blankets or a sleeping bag. (it can still get cold at night time)
2 x Bath Towels
Swimmers/Togs/Beach Towel
Sunscreen (30+ for face and arms), Zinc cream (lip protection, very important for 5 days of cricket)
Medication if required (Please give to team manager on arrival, clearly label with name and instructions for use)
2 x White Cricket pants (bring 3 if possible, to save laundry)
All your personal cricket gear including Spikes and Rubber sole cricket shoes.
2 sets Casual clothes and footwear (thongs are acceptable)
Underwear + Cricket Socks (The more the better. Soft, supportive cricket socks very important)
Personal Toiletries (Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo/condition, deodorant)
Insect Repellent (important for sleeping)
Healthy Snacks. You may wish to pack some of your favourite snacks just in case you get hungry.
Junk food (chips, lollies, chocolate bars) are discouraged.
Please Note: Please be sure to label all clothes with Player name.

Items NOT to bring
Portable Play Stations
Laptop computers
Personal Jewellery

Mobile Phones:
These may be brought and given to the team manager upon arrival. Players will have access to phones when required but must be returned to team manager for safe keeping.

Spending Money:
As all meals are included there is little need for spending money. However it is advised that players bring a small amount of cash with them in case it’s required. Please put money in envelop or clear plastic bag, labelled with players name and amount and give to manager upon arrival.

Uniform:
You are required to wear the BEARS travel shorts and shirt (Our Uniform) at all times when outside your room. i.e. going to and from the dining hall, to and from games on the bus. Be sure to be wearing your BEARS uniform on Sunday afternoon upon arrival at Wynnum Manly Cricket Club.
Managers Role:

The team manager is on duty to ensure your carnival experience is a happy and enjoyable one. If you have any questions or require assistance with anything during the week please speak to your team manager first. It’s their role to support and help you.

Parents Help:

Of course some parents who are travelling to Sunshine Coast to watch you play may want to do your washing for you during the week and perhaps bring clean playing clothes to the games for you. We are not camping in the Flinders Ranges for a week.....so if parents want to help wash and bring you a daily supply of your favourite snacks that’s all good. Please remember though during the time you are at the games you are required to be seated with and supporting your team.

Final Comments:

For some players this may be their first full week’s ‘boarding’ experience away from home. It’s an exciting time and One that will be remembered with fondness in the future. You have been chosen to represent your region (BEARS) at this cricket championship. You’ll certainly have fun, enjoy yourself and develop new friendships during the week, but our focus across the 5 days of competition is to play cricket to our best ability. Put yourself in the best position to do this by getting plenty of good sleep and eating well. Now’s the time to ‘expand your taste buds’ and eat what is put in front of you. At night time, tell a few jokes and stories about the day’s play but remember you’ve got another full day tomorrow so don’t burn the candle at both ends, stay up late and wake up tired. If you do, you’ll get to the end of the week and be disappointed in your performance. Make the most of this opportunity and plan to look back on the week as a turning point in your cricket development.