



Friendly tour guides provide a fascinating insight into the functions of the working lighthouse, history of the area and ghost stories that will send tingles down your spine! At its highest point the lighthouse is 123 metres above sea level offering panoramic views of the Indian Ocean, Cape Naturaliste, Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park and the beautiful Geographe Bay coastline, the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse is one of the most popular attractions in the Geographe Bay region. A platform and shelter provides magnificent whale watching during the annual migratory periods, from September to December - a special experience not to be missed!

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PURPOSE OF THE EXCURSION

Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse (CNLH) offers an outdoors experience for students introducing them to Australia's magnificent maritime history. The old stories of the rough and isolated lighthouse entertain students as they learn about the keeper's lives, their families and how hard they used to work to maintain the safety of the coastline. From flaming fireballs to shipwrecks and mercury madness, CNLH has it all.

Combining a tour with the education packages available on our website, students learn about the flora, fauna and history of the cape region. They discover the old communication methods of the lighthouse keepers and the duties and expectations of the keepers and their families.

1. ASSESSING THE RISKS

1.1 Environment

- CNLH is located 13 kilometres from the popular tourist town of Dunsborough in the Cape Naturaliste Region.
- Whilst having unsurpassed views of the Cape Naturaliste region there are only 60 steps inside CNLH making it accessible to most persons. Wheelchair access is to the base of the lighthouse.
- Tours involve access to the maritime museum and a guided interpretive walk through the LH and around the top. Except for the top of the LH and outdoor pathways all areas are enclosed environments.

- Tours are tailored to suit student ability at all times, our guides are first aid trained and have Working With Children certificates.
- We have emergency protocols covering all aspects of our tours and products, these documents are available from our staff.
- Accommodation is available at a range of sites located near the Lighthouse, varying from National Park campsites to commercial campgrounds and a number of private residences for more details contact Dunsborough Visitor Centre on 9752 2066.

1.2 Transport Arrangements

- CNLH is located two and a half hours from Perth and only twenty five minutes from Busselton. Transport will have to be organised independently, however there are a number of charter businesses operating in the South West which can assist.
- Sealed access for cars and buses is by Cape Naturaliste Road. There is a parking area for buses and charter vehicles near lighthouse grounds.

1.3 Student Capacity

- We cater for students from primary school to high school and beyond.
- Whilst we do tailor activities to include all students and to allow for different abilities, it is the responsibility of teachers to assess the level of ability for participating students.
- Groups sizes vary depending on activity, contact us for more details on how we can accommodate your class.

1.4 Supervisor/Supervisory Team

It is the responsibility of the school to develop a supervisory team that meets their specific requirements in line with the recommendations for supervision outlined in this document. Supervising teachers/adults are required to actively supervise their students at all times. Some simple ways teaching staff or supervisors can assist us are:

- Meeting our ratios where applicable
- Providing the link between our team and the students (as the teachers from the school will have much better knowledge regarding their students' personalities)
- Discipline and pastoral care

1.5 External Providers

Our staff have:

- Senior First Aid Certificate
- Working With Children Checks

Upon request a copy of Working With Children Checks can be provided.

CNLH operating under the Margaret River Busselton Tourism has a 20 million dollar public liability insurance policy. Upon request, a copy of our 'Certificate of Currency' can be forwarded to you.

2. SUPERVISION STRATEGIES

We prefer a ratio of: 1 teacher = 10 students

Speak to our guides to confirm numbers of students and teachers during booking process.

All participants stay with guides at all times during guided activities.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF EXCURSION PARTICIPANTS

Group size is limited to 10 or so per tour in a limited area so there is no need for student identification. Students never leave tour guide or school supervisor.

4. INFORMATION TO PARENTS FOR THEIR CONSENT

This is the responsibility of the schools.

5. COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Students will be with guides at all times throughout tours. In the event of an emergency, we have radio contact and relay across lighthouse grounds and are never more than five minutes from assistance. We are able to contact the office, which has a dedicated emergency phone if further help is required from emergency services.

6. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

In the case of an emergency, please follow the directions of CNLH staff who are responsible for implementing the emergency response plan, including evacuation procedures.

If you would like details of CNLH emergency plans please contact us at capenaturaliste@margaretriver.com

Please note that our protocol covers:

- Emergency contact numbers for our Company
- Local Doctors/ nursing stations contact details
- Hospital contact details
- Fire, police and DEC emergency contact details

7. BRIEFING STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS

Due to the low risk level of this activity, students and supervisors are briefed of all hazards as they are presented on tour.

8. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

CNLH has been operated by the Margaret River Busselton Tourism for over 20 years and remains one of the regions most visited attractions.

More details are available at www.margaretriver.com

For all school enquiries please contact our Education Officer on 9755 2152

This information is valid till 31 December 2017