The overall aim of these units is to introduce you to the science of marine ecology.

Welcome to BIOL2028/2928 Introduction to Marine Field Ecology and BIOL3008/3908 Marine Field Ecology. Every year this course has run it has been the top ranked unit of study in Biological Sciences for student satisfaction and learning outcomes. We will work hard and play hard; but most of all, you will learn lots about marine ecology and logical experimentation.

This information sheet provides explanation on the early logistics, the full course outline will be sent online and placed on the relevant eLearning/Blackboard site once you are enrolled.

Course Information

Prerequisites
See unit of study rules and descriptions for BIOL2028, BIOL2928, BIOL3008, BIOL3908.

Dates
The field trip starts at 0915 on Wednesday 19th July and ends at 1200 on Wednesday 26th July 2017.

Teaching Staff
The course co-ordinated is Assoc. Prof. Ross Coleman. The other teaching staff will be Dr Victoria Cole and a member of the research staff to act as demonstrator. All of the staff are highly experienced field ecologists.

Location
The Crommelin Field Station at Crystal Avenue in Pearl Beach. The accommodation is basic but sufficient, it’s all shared dorm rooms and we will self-cater.
Fees
Please pay $160 to one of the teaching staff by the end of June 2017. This is to cover the food as there are no accommodation charges or other costs associated. Please note that your food charge is only for student food, you will not be paying for staff food.

We have deliberately over-estimated the costs of this so that we have sufficient reserves should something untoward happen, such as a freezer failure. Every year, we return unspent funds to students. You will get a receipt; please keep this as you will need it to claim your refund. If you cannot pay the food deposit by the due date, you must let us know as soon as possible when you can pay, or we may need to release your place to other interested applicant.

Please note there are also the normal unit of study costs paid through Sydney Student like all other units. If you wish to withdraw, you must do so by the census date (28 July 2017) to avoid being liable for unit tuition fees.

Transport
For those that wish to use your own cars, please note that we do not ask you to do this but respect your desires to be independent. We would encourage you to share lifts where possible. If you want to come by public transport, you need to catch the 0645 Central Coast train to WOY WOY departing from Central Station on the Countrylink side (nearest Railway Square). From Woy Woy station (bus stand 5) you need to catch the bus 54 to Pearl Beach at 0815. One of the teaching staff will meet the bus at Pearl Beach stop with an empty vehicle to transport your luggage to the field station (it’s a < 10 min walk from the bus stop).

Enrolment information
Please review prerequisites for your chosen unit prior to applying to ensure you are eligible. For questions regarding enrolment, contact soles.teaching@sydney.edu.au.

How to Apply
Step 1
Complete the Expression of Interest and Emergency Contact Form by 5pm Wednesday 10 May 2017.

Step 2
First Round Offers
Your application will be assessed and if accepted you will be sent an email by Thursday 25 May 2017 with your Letter of Departmental Permission, which is required to enrol. To accept your offer you need to do the following by midnight Sunday 11 June 2017:
- Enrol yourself in the unit through Sydney Student. You will need to upload your Letter of Departmental Permission in order for your enrolment to be processed.

If you do not accept your offer by completing the above by midnight Sunday 11 June 2017, you will automatically forfeit your place in the unit. If you cannot meet this deadline or would like to withdraw your interest, please let us know at soles.teaching@sydney.edu.au.

You will also have to pay the $160 food deposit by June 30, 2017 – failure to do so without prior coordination may mean you will be forced to withdraw.

Second Round Offers
Second round offers will be distributed via email by Monday 12 June 2017. You need to accept your offer (as above) by midnight Monday 19 June 2017 or you will automatically forfeit your place in the unit.

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