Wildlife Tropical North Queensland Hospitality and Tourism Awards 2018

$2,000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON!

Plus access to senior executives working in the hospitality and tourism industry in FNQ.

This Award is open to all senior high school students in FNQ studying Home Economics, Hospitality or Tourism subjects, and engaged in a school-based Hospitality or Tourism related apprenticeship or traineeship.

The awards are sponsored by Wildlife Tropical North Queensland and are a joint initiative with the Home Economics Institute of Australia – Peninsula Branch and the Business Liaison Association.

For an application form please ask your Home Economics, Hospitality or Tourism Teacher or Guidance officer.

Entries Close: Friday 31 August, 2018
TO: Home Economics, Hospitality and Tourism Teachers, and Guidance Officers

FROM: The Hospitality and Tourism Awards Committee

TOPIC: 2018 Hospitality and Tourism Awards

SPONSOR:

Wildlife Tropical North Queensland is the overarching brand name for the Freeman family’s group of wildlife attraction products and associated businesses based in Tropical North Queensland. These attractions include Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures, Kuranda Koala Gardens and Birdworld Kuranda. Hartley’s Crocodile Adventures is a multi-award winning eco-adventure attraction situated in the picturesque Wangetti Valley between the popular tourism villages of Palm Cove and Port Douglas. It is a combination sustainable crocodile farm, wildlife attraction, restaurant and retail outlet which has just undergone a $2+ million dollar expansion and refurbishment, with further enhancements still to come. Kuranda Koala Gardens and Birdworld Kuranda are boutique wildlife attractions nestled in the rainforest clad village of Kuranda. Both of these attractions are also undergoing extensive upgrades with new animals, some of which have never been exhibited in our region before.

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Photocopy total package for interested students.
2. Highlight to students the requirements listed above, selection criteria and closing date for applications.
3. Please advise students that as part of first and second prize Work Experience is a compulsory part of the prize and must be completed through the months of December or January (exact dates for this will be negotiated with the sponsor Wildlife Tropical North Queensland)
4. Please photocopy cover sheet and place on noticeboards and newsletters around the school.
4. Complete Attachment 1 and forward with student entries to be received by Friday 31 August, 2018 to:

   Mrs Rebecca Rokocibi
   Bentley Park College
   PO Box 289
   Edmonton, Q, 4869

   1. The registration fee is $88.00 per school (GST inclusive – ABN 60902261190). The school may nominate multiple students for these awards with only one fee being paid.
   2. A tax invoice will be forwarded to all schools who register.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 31 August, 2018 and schools are requested to submit all student applications by this date.

If attaching a cheque, please make it payable to the Business Liaison Association Inc.

If you require any further information, please contact:

Rebecca Rokocibi,
Award Coordinator
Bentley Park College
Tel: 4040 8176
Email: rroko2@eq.edu.au
TROPICAL NORTH QUEENSLAND

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM AWARD

SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENT CATEGORY

THE AWARD AIMS
• To promote and encourage careers within the Hospitality and Tourism industry.
• To give students the opportunity to experience the selection processes for employment.
• To provide students with a unique opportunity to meet senior executives working in the hospitality and tourism industry in FNQ.
• Provide students with additional industry experience that may lead to employment post schooling.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
• The award is open to secondary students currently participating in Senior Hospitality, Tourism and/or Home Economics and/or School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeships in these areas.
• They must have attained a Sound Achievement or better in the subject and/or demonstrated competencies in modules thus far completed. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to the Tourism and Hospitality Industry, post-school studies.
• Be available to complete the Work Experience component of the prize in one of the blocks of time that is provided by the sponsor (December, 2018 to January 2019) or be willing to negotiate another mutually appropriate time for the Work Experience.

THE SELECTION PROCESS
• Students are asked to submit applications by Friday 31 August, 2018.
  *The application will consist of a cover letter, curriculum vitae and a statement (approximately 1 page each) addressing each of the selection criteria listed on the Student Application page.*
• Applicants will be shortlisted by Friday 12 October, 2018.
• Interviews will be held on or around Friday 19 October, 2018 at a Cairns CBD venue to be advised.

At the interview the students will be required to:
• Dress in formal school uniform.
• Answer a series of questions from the interview panel with respect to the following:

1. Your career aspirations and any personal characteristics you have to offer.
2. Applicants are required to have a general knowledge of the two sponsors of these awards, Business Liaison Association www.bla.org.au, and Wildlife Tropical North Queensland.
3. Your knowledge of the Tourism attractions in Far North Queensland.

The panel will consist of three representatives from the hospitality and tourism industry in Cairns.
AWARD CRITERIA

Applicants need to:
- Have attained a Sound Achievement or better in Hospitality, Tourism or Home Economics and/or completed modules within their traineeship/apprenticeship to a competent standard.
- Demonstrate a commitment to pursue a career in the Hospitality or Tourism Industry.
- Display motivation, interest and enthusiasm.
- Have excellent presentation.
- Be available to complete the two weeks Work Experience component of the prize during the months of December 2018 – January 2019 as requested by the sponsor or be willing to negotiate another mutually appropriate time for the Work Experience.

Written submissions will be assessed and approximately 6 – 12 finalists will be shortlisted for an interview scheduled for Friday 19 October, 2018 although this date and the venue will be confirmed once shortlisting has been completed.

The interview panel’s decision will be final although if students would like feedback on their submission and/or interview, this will be provided upon request.

AWARD PRIZES

Award winners will need to attend the Presentation night on Wednesday 28 November, 2018 at the Pullman International Hotel Cairns, at 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start.

Winner: $1,000 + 2 weeks Work Experience at Wildlife Tropical North Queensland
Runner-Up: $500 + 2 weeks Work Experience at Wildlife Tropical North Queensland
Encouragement Award: $300
Special Mention: $100

All applications should be forwarded to Rebecca Rokocibi, Bentley Park College, PO Box 289, EDMONTON QLD 4869.

If you have any queries, please contact Rebecca on 4040 8176 or email rroko2@eq.edu.au
**STUDENT APPLICATION**

This form is to be completed by all applicants *neatly*

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Please attach a cover letter, your curriculum vitae and a statement addressing each of the selection criteria listed below.

**Selection criteria**

1. **Outline the qualities you possess that would make you a valued employee in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry**

2. **Demonstrate your knowledge of the tourism attractions in Far North Queensland.**

3. **Demonstrate a desire for future employment in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.**

*As a guide, one page per each selection criteria.*
School Name: 

Teacher in charge: 

Teacher’s Email: 

Number of entries: 

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Please Note: 

1. Closing Date for applications is Friday 31 August, 2018. 

2. A tax invoice for $88.00 will be sent to each school for payment.