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- More information about the excursion
- Pictures of some of the beautiful feature gardens within the Hunter Valley Gardens



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Nearly there now!

Well, it's all getting much closer now. Only a few more weeks, and we'll all be together at Winter School.

I promised to give you more information about the Hunter Valley Gardens, which you will be visiting on the day of the excursion.

The Gardens span over 60 acres, and you will be amazed by the sensational sights, colours and fragrances of the ten stunning feature gardens. You can explore each garden one-by-one and enjoy an exciting journey through the thousands of flowers, trees, and shrubs with an air of discovery at every turn.

There are eight kilometers of walking paths, carefully graded for easy walking. (You don't HAVE to walk them all!)

There are more than six thousand trees, one million ground covers and six hundred thousand shrubs.

In the Rose Garden, there are more than 8,000 roses on display. July is rose pruning month, so you may even get to see a demonstration of rose pruning and learn how it should be done.

Hunter Valley Gardens aims to provide visitors with a magical experience—a combination of the sounds of water and birds, together with a multitude of fragrances and colour.

As your trip is in the July school holidays, there will also be displays of African drumming and an African Cultural Drum and Dance show for the kids. You may be lucky and get to experience some of this as well!

Apart from the Excursion, the other big news is that we have decided to open the Ball to dancers who aren't attending the Winter School. So if you have any friends who aren't coming to the School but would like to come up for the Ball, please let them know. Information is elsewhere on this website.

We had a great Sunday recently getting all the Welcome Bags and information together, and the Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to all the people who gave their day off to come and help us get ready for you all.

Please remember that July can be cold, especially at night, and that we have also had a lot of rain recently. Come prepared with layers of clothes to allow for all the different types of weather you might experience.

See you in July!

Feature gardens

