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Dive, drive and celebrate the end of the school year in The Whitsundays

The Whitsundays is a popular holiday destination to travellers from all around the world and for years has been renowned for the incredible diving on offer not only on the outer reef but also the fringing reefs surrounding the magical 74 island wonders. Another key segment The Whitsundays has been popular for is end of school leavers, coming to celebrate 'Schoolies'.

This November coming to The Whitsundays which celebrates both of these segments is Drive 'n' Dive Tours!

Drive 'n' Dive Tours have come to the rescue of disappointed 2020 school graduates by offering a fun, affordable way to discover six islands in six days, travelling by luxury coach with an expert dive crew and travel industry professionals.

From the Gold Coast to Townsville, the tour includes a stop in The Whitsundays, in the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef. The tour aims at providing exceptional land and underwater experiences, and an opportunity to learn scuba diving.

Tourism Whitsundays Chief Executive Officer Tash Wheeler thinks this is an excellent way for school leavers to experience the Great Barrier Reef and also celebrate their high school graduation.

"It's great to see such a unique tour offering for school leavers that will compliment our existing tour products. We have outer reef diving experiences thanks to Cruise Whitsundays and Explore Group as well as a number of inner dive experiences around the Whitsunday Islands.

The Whitsundays has some of the best diving in the country, the school leavers on this tour will be thrilled with the diverse diving and marine life available throughout the Whitsunday marine park," she said.

Michelle Billett, Managing Partner of Drive 'n' Dive Tours said while this is a slightly different take on their new Drive 'n' Dive product, the team were more than happy to jump in and help school leavers celebrate.

"COVID-19 has disrupted end-of-year plans for many school leavers. This Island Hopper Drive' n' Dive guided tour is a reliable, safe and hassle-free way for Year 12 students to celebrate the end of their school years.

Through all of our Drive 'n' Dive Tours products, we are keen to raise awareness around marine conservation and sustainability through education and adventure," she said.

For more information about Drive 'n' Dive Tours click here.

For more incredible Whitsundays school leavers offers <u>click here</u>.

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About Tourism Whitsundays: Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.



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