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KIDS 'WIGGLE FOR WESTMEAD' ON CARNIVAL SPIRIT

Around 20 long-term patients from The Children's Hospital at Westmead will be welcomed onboard the superliner Carnival Spirit in Sydney today for an extra special cruising experience.

The children will be treated to a Dr Seuss 'Seuss-a-Palooza' parade, an elaborate *Green Eggs and Ham* lunch complete with ice sculptures, and get to view the largest waterpark at sea in Australia as they prepare to take part in the first ever 'Wiggle for Westmead' a dance party to kick off a new partnership between Carnival Cruise Line and The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

"The 'Wiggle for Westmead' is a wonderful initiative and we can't wait to see holiday makers get involved," said Gilly Paxton, Director of Community Relations and Marketing at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Under the partnership guests onboard every Carnival cruise sailing from Australia will be invited to take part in the 'Wiggle for Westmead' top deck dance party to raise funds for the hospital.

The event will be held on the last sea day of each cruise with guests able to join in by purchasing special merchandise. All of the proceeds will be donated to the Hospital.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke said she was deeply moved after a recent visit to the Hospital, where she witnessed firsthand the courage of young patients and their families being treated there.

"It is an extraordinary organisation filled with everyday superheroes focused on health, well-being and happiness of some courageous kids and their families, and we feel honoured to be able to partner with them," Ms Vandekreeke said.

Patients making their way onto the ship today are being treated for a variety of illnesses, including cancer, diabetes, and congenital heart disease.

"The support means so much to patients and families, during what often is one of the most challenging times of their lives," said Ms Paxton.

"We are so grateful and excited to be working with Carnival Cruise Line to bring a little more joy to our patients and families."

Images and case studies supplied on request. Patients and their parents will be boarding the ship at the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay at 10:30am.

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