



October, 2014

Dear Parents,

This letter, and associated Forms, is to provide you with the details of the compulsory Orientation Camp your son will be attending from **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th February 2015**

At the College, Year 7 have attended a camp each year and have a tremendous time. The aim of this Camp is to provide students with a valuable and enjoyable lifetime experience where they are able to make new friends and become familiar with their teachers in a friendly and adventurous atmosphere. The theme of the camp is Teamwork and Communication. The Year 11 Peer Support Leaders will be giving their time to help out for three days also. This year, the camp will be held at The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. Students will be transported from the College to the Campsite by coach, **leaving the College at 8.00am on Wednesday 4th February**. The students will need to be at school by 7.30am at the latest. **The coach will return to the College on Friday 6th February by 3.30pm**. The cost of the camp is **\$295.00**, which includes all meals, accommodation, travel and activities. This payment will be invoiced to your son's school fees.

Attached you will find Dietary, Medical and Consent forms. These need to be filled in, signed and returned to the College Office by Friday 24th October, 2014. Although challenge and enjoyment are of great importance to all the programs, safety is the first priority and the Camp maintains a high record of safety. For this reason it is absolutely necessary that you consent to the guidelines outlined. To ensure safety and enjoyment of all involved, any student putting themselves or their peers at risk of injury through any breach of these guidelines will be required to be picked up by you to return home. There is also a checklist to assist when packing for Camp. I must stress under no circumstances are students to bring money, a mobile phone or other electronic items with him.

The students will be sleeping in cabins on site and there will be ample nutritious and tasty food provided for them. Special dietary requirements can be catered for so please ensure you complete the forms correctly so I can inform the venue of dietary requirements in advance of the departure date.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the College on 8868 3700. In case of emergency, and I stress that it can only be absolute emergencies, The Great Aussie Bush Camp number to call whilst we are at camp is 1800 887 717.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Juliana Fox
Year 7 Coordinator

Mr Simon Humphries
Assistant Principal

THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

GUIDELINES AND GEAR CHECKLIST

Camp Guidelines: (Please ensure students are aware of these guidelines)

- ❖ Never leave camp or activity areas without permission
 - ❖ All activities must be supervised by a teacher or instructor
 - ❖ Listen to and follow instructor's guidelines
 - ❖ Closed in shoes and a hat should be worn at all times
 - ❖ Respect the natural environment, use bins provided, don't damage the bush
 - ❖ No pocket knives, glass, valuables, electronic equipment, or mobile phones are to be brought to camp.
 - ❖ Do not approach, or attempt to pat the wildlife.
 - ❖ All accidents/damage to equipment must be reported. Wilful damage will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible
 - ❖ Do not eat or drink in tents/cabins/dorms
 - ❖ No chewing gum is to be brought to camp
 - ❖ Respect others after lights out. There should be no need to leave your tents/dorms/cabins after lights out
 - ❖ Each group is responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of their room/tent
 - ❖ To avoid accidents please do not run around campsite areas.
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Gear Checklist: Based on a 3 day Camp

It is a good idea for students to pack their own bags, so as they are able on return.

- ❖ Mess Kit (Plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, tea towel)
- ❖ Water Bottle
- ❖ **Raincoat** (regardless of forecast)
- ❖ Hat or Cap
- ❖ Sleeping Bag
- ❖ Pillow
- ❖ Sunscreen
- ❖ 1 pair pyjamas
- ❖ Day Pack (small backpack for water bottle, sunscreen etc)
- ❖ Torch (please make sure it works before you leave home)
- ❖ Toiletries (Don't forget your toothbrush!!)
- ❖ Insect Repellent
- ❖ Pens & Pencils if desired/required eg Workbook?
- ❖ 2 Pairs of Shoes (**1 old pair for canoeing, not thongs**)
- ❖ 3 T-shirts needed, no singlet/tank tops
- ❖ 3 Sets of Underwear
- ❖ 3 Pairs of Shorts
- ❖ 3 Pairs of track pants
- ❖ 2 Sloppy Joes/Jumpers
- ❖ 3 Pairs of Socks
- ❖ Bath & Beach Towel
- ❖ Swimmers
- ❖ Optional – Camera, money for souvenirs
- ❖ **Garbage Bag for Wet/Dirty Clothes**

N.B. - PLEASE NAME TAG ALL ITEMS

PLEASE GIVE MEDICATION TO ORGANISING TEACHER