

Year 9 Camps [Curio Bay]

Dear Parents

An exciting programme of outdoor activities has been planned for our Year 9 students in March. All Year 9 students will have the opportunity to go on a three day (2 nights) camp at Curio Bay. Camps will run during weeks 5, 6 and 7 this Term. These camps are especially important for their social significance as they focus on socialisation and settling students into their high school experience.

This is a full class experience and there is a high expectation that all students will attend.

We regard the camp programme as part of a continual process of personal and outdoor awareness which, in most cases, would have begun years ago at Primary School. The confidence and knowledge gained already, is built on and extended.

The students will participate in a number of activities, which include camping, tramping, bushcraft, body boarding and abseiling. We will take every precaution to ensure the students are safe. Trained instructors are used during high risk activities.

A detailed equipment list and a student consent form are issued with this form. If you have any queries, please contact either you child's form teacher [or Miss C Raynes/Miss N Laird - Teachers in Charge].

Thank you for your support.

CORRECT CLOTHING

When helping your son/daughter to pack for camp please remember the following:

- Take clothes for warmth **NOT** for fashion - it is spring but the nights can be **very** cold and wet at Curio Bay.
- Try to take woollen and polyprop [or other thermal] clothing. - **avoid** cotton especially **jeans**.
- Lots of thin warm layers are better than one thick layer.
- There are no drying facilities – you will need at least three or four changes of warm clothing
- A waterproof jacket, a woollen hat and a pair of warm gloves [woollen if possible] are essential.

PARENT HELP ON CAMP

We are reliant on you for help on all camps to ensure a good student to adult ratio. Generally, two parents from each class are needed. Camps cannot take place without parent helpers.

We would like you to contribute to the camp in whatever role you see yourself as having an interest or expertise. For some, their skills lie in the outdoors, others may be happy cooking but dread going on a long tramp and there are often excellent all-rounders. However you see yourself contributing, we would like to hear from you. Police checks will be done on all parent helpers.

Details:

Form: **9**

Camp Dates: **(varies as per form class)**

Camp Teachers: **(to be assigned)**

Cost: \$105.00 to be paid **BEFORE** camp. Payment arrangements can be made with Mrs Dempsey. Phone (03) 217 6129

NOTE: Fee covers transport, all food, accommodation, equipment hire and replacement. **NO cost for parents.**