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Dear Parent/Guardian

During Week 9 Term 3, from Wednesday 13th September to Friday 15th September, Year 9 will be participating in a camp. This is a compulsory part of the College's Outdoor Education Program. The camp venue is The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens with an overnight expedition to Myall Lakes.

It should be both a wonderful experience for the boys and a great opportunity for friendships to be strengthened, new friendships to be formed and challenges experienced. This will be achieved through sequenced programming and by matching adventure and challenge to the skill and ability levels of children of all ages. By utilising the very best facilities along with qualified and enthusiastic staff, the College is committed to ensuring that every child attending the program has an enjoyable and **valuable experience in a safe and caring environment.**

Whilst challenge and enjoyment are integral components of the program, student safety is our first priority. Hence, it is essential that you read (with your son) and consent to the rules and guidelines outlined in the permission note. The program of the camp and activities that the students may experience have been included in this email. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all involved, any student/s putting themselves or their peers at risk of injury through a breach of these guidelines will be required to be picked up and returned home. Please understand that this option may be exercised **at any time, day or night.**

I strongly suggest that students do not bring valuables to camp. Teachers and instructors **will not** be responsible for minding personal and valuable items while your son is on an activity. Any items that your son brings remain his responsibility as does the loss or damage to said items. No monies needed as canteen facilities will not be available. **It will not be acceptable** for students to carry and use mobile phones while we are away at camp. Mobile phones and other electronic devices are a safety distraction and take away from the purpose of an outdoor activity program.

The accommodation, amenities and associated facilities are clean, comfortable and well maintained. The programs are fully catered with an ample availability of nutritious and tasty food and special dietary requirements can be accommodated.

If there is any reason why your son cannot attend the Camp, this would need to be discussed with Mr Paul English, Pastoral Care Coordinator as soon as possible.

If your son has a medical condition which needs monitoring, it would be a good idea to phone me prior to the camp. *Any medication which he needs to take must be handed in to me with a letter giving details of dosage and frequency or a letter must be given to me indicating that he can self-administer his medication without supervision.*

NO STUDENT IS TO HAVE MEDICATION WITHOUT NOTIFICATION

Transport will be provided to and from the camp, with students **departing, Wednesday 13th September at approximately 8:45am. Students will return on Friday 15th September around 2:30pm. Alternative arrangements to normal school buses will need to be made by each family in case of heavy traffic and a late arrival home.**

Please return the Current Medical/Dietary Requirements and Permission Form, along with the Camp Rules and Guidelines' Form to Mr McCauley by Friday 25th August. A return box will be outside my office in the Pastoral Care area for the forms. Do not hesitate in calling me at the college if there are any concerns, queries or if your son's medical condition changes.

Yours faithfully

Mr Eamonn McCauley
Year 9 Coordinator

Gear Checklist – Children (Based on a 3 day camp)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS

MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ORGANISING TEACHER

It is a good idea for students to pack their own bags so that they can re pack for the trip home.

- Mess kit (tea towel, plate, cup, bowl, knife, fork and spoon – dishwasher safe) Non disposable
- Water bottle
- Raincoat (regardless of forecast)
- Hat or cap
- Sleeping bag (extra blanket in winter)
- Pillow
- Sunscreen
- 1 pair pyjamas (tracksuit in winter)
- Day pack (small backpack for water, sunscreen, etc)
- Torch (make sure it works before you leave home)
- Toiletries (including toothbrush!)
- Insect repellent
- 2 pairs of runners (1 old pair for water activities)
- Thongs – only for going to and from showers
- 3 T-shirts needed, no singlet tank tops / midriff tops (for safety on activities)
- 3 sets of underwear
- 3 pairs of shorts - NO MINI SHORTS (for safety on activities)
- 3 pairs of track pants
- 2 sloppy joes / windcheaters
- 3 pair socks
- Bath towel
- Beach towel and swimmers
- Optional - camera, money for souvenirs
- Tissues / hankies
- Plastic bags for wet clothes / towels.





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MEDICAL AND CONSENT FORM

SURNAME: _____ CHRISTIAN NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/CONTACT PERSON (Name in Full): _____

Contact No. Home: _____ Business: _____ Mobile: _____

I HAVE READ AND UPDATED MY SON'S MEDICAL DETAILS ON THE PORTAL YES / NO

In the event that your son should need medical attention, it would assist if you could supply the relevant information.

Medicare No.: _____ Health Care Card No. _____

Private Health Insurance Fund _____ Contact Number: _____

Ambulance Cover: _____ YES / NO

Do you give permission for **Panadol** to be administered if required? _____ YES / NO

Does your son suffer any chronic illness or disability? YES / NO If yes, please explain

Does your son need to take any form of **medication** on camp? _____ YES / NO

Does the medication need refrigeration? _____ YES / NO

If yes, please provide details (dose, frequency etc)

Has he suffered from any **acute illness** during the past four months? _____ YES / NO

If answer is yes, please explain

Has your son been treated by a doctor during the last four weeks? _____ YES / NO

If answer is yes, please attach a doctor's report with instruction about medical treatment and a certificate stating that the participant is fit to attend.

Does your son have any allergies (insects, food, medicine, etc)? please specify _____ YES / NO

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, please ensure this information has been updated on your son's portal or contact our Enrolment Secretary to update his records.

Are there any special dietary requirements?

I give permission for my son _____ (please print) to travel by coach to and from the Year 9 Camp to the Great Aussie Bush Camp from 13th – 15th September. I will be responsible for his travel arrangements to the College on Wednesday morning and from the College on Friday afternoon.

Parent signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2017

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT

ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

Name of School: St Edwards College School Year: Year 9, 2017

All activities are instructed by highly trained team members, your child's teachers are also always present at activities and free time.

Activities are planned with the age and ability of the students involved in mind. Time constraints may prevent students being able to complete every activity, however, if there are any activities that your child is not permitted to participated (eg swimming) for medical or personal reasons, please inform your child and give details:

I agree to my son _____ participating in all the activities at The Great Aussie Bush Camp and its service providers attempt to minimise any risk of personal injury to my child, there is an inherent risk of personal injury in the physical activities that will be undertaken as part of this program.

In understanding the above I agree to release The Great Aussie Bush Camp and its employees, agents and contractors from and against all claims, demands, suits, losses and liability whatsoever for any accident, injury, damage or loss occasioned during the child's participation in the program and their time at camp unless such claim has arisen as a direct result of some negligent act or omission or misconduct on the part of The Great Aussie Bush Camp or its employees, agents or contractors.

In the event of an emergency, and I am unable to be contacted, I authorise for my son to receive any medical treatment that is deemed necessary. I also undertake to cover any costs that may be incurred with any medical treatment received, ambulance transport and medication while my child is at The Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Full Name of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/2017

Signature: _____

Media Consent

(Cross out whichever does not apply)

I agree / I do not agree to allow The Great Aussie Bush Camp to use any photographs, sound and / or film recordings taken of my child while they are at camp, for the promotion of this facility in the media and advertising programs.

Full Name of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/2017

Signature: _____

Camp Guidelines and Rules

Students should be aware of these Guidelines.

- Never leave camp or an activity without permission.
- All activities must be supervised by a teacher and instructor.
- Listen to and follow instructor's guidelines.
- Closed in shoes and hats should be worn at all times.
- Respect male & female areas; enter no room other than your own.
- 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 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 the room / tent.
- To avoid accidents please do not run around campsite areas.
- As a general rule, students will not be removed from activities as punishment. They may be given a 5 minute time out to reflect. The year Coordinator will if he deems it necessary may remove students from an activity for a longer period of time.
- Allocating extra duties or taking away free time may also be used as behaviour management strategies.
- We may exclude students whose behaviour could result in serious danger or distress to themselves or others. In extreme cases, after consultation with teachers, the parents/guardians may be contacted and the student/s will be sent home.
- ***In addition to the above rules as set out by "The Great Aussie Bush Camp" College rules will also apply.***

I have, along with my son, read and discussed the rules stated above and understand that: to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all involved, any student/s putting themselves or their peers at risk of injury through a breach of the above guidelines / rules along with the College's rules will be required to be picked up and returned home. I understand that this option can and will be exercised at any time, day or night.

Student's
Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian's
Signature: _____