



SAINT KENTIGERN

14 June 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Year 10 Field Centre 2023

This year will be the 54th year since the College began our Year 10 Field Centre expeditions to Tongariro National Park. Field Centre is a significant event and a 'rite of passage' for our students and a compulsory component of our Year 10 curriculum. It provides every Year 10 student with the opportunity to gain independence and to develop personal strengths and character. Each student will be in a Lodge group of approximately 22-25 Year 10 students under the supervision of experienced staff. We continue to work to all Health and Safety requirements from the Ministry of Education to keep our students safe while down on the mountain.

The National Park provides an exciting, spectacular and challenging environment for a programme which includes a three-day tramping expedition with camping and cooking out in the open, white water rafting, an environmental service project, outdoor rock climbing, and completion of the famous Tongariro Crossing.

Programme

As in recent years, given the size of the year group there will be two group departures. Nine lodges will depart on **Saturday 18 November** and return on **Saturday 25 November** followed by a further nine lodges departing on **Sunday 26 November** and returning on **Sunday 3 December**. During the week that students are not away they will participate in a compulsory two-day Auckland based programme run by the College.

Cost

The overall fees for the camp cover transportation from Auckland to Mount Ruapehu and return, bus or van travel to various activities, lodge and camping food, professional guides and equipment for rafting and mountain expeditions, tents and lodge hire. The individual cost is **\$1200** per student which includes both programmes and this amount will be included on your December College statement. If necessary, this expense may be spread over equal three monthly payments by arrangement in advance with our Finance Team. These payments would be spread between October 2023, November 2023 and December 2023. Should you like to take this option please contact accounts@saintkentigern.com.

Any students with approved withdrawal from the programme after **1 November** may not receive a full refund. This is due to non-refundable costs incurred by the College.

Safety and Preparation

Personal preparation is the key to a successful Field Centre. Each student's responsibility is to ensure their own good level of fitness and stamina so that they can participate fully in all activities, enjoy the experience and get the most from their time on the mountain.

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Lodge Groups

You may view which Lodge Groups your child is in please [Field Centre Groups - Master Published.xlsx](#). Staffing for lodge groups will be finalised in Term 3. For any conflicts with sports or other co-curricular activities and significant family events, parents must email a request before the end of Term 2 to will.gage-brown@saintkentigern.com. Students are placed in mixed groups to give them the opportunity to meet new peers as they transition from Middle School to Senior School. The feedback from students and staff last year regarding this arrangement was very positive, as it allowed students to form new friendships. No changes will be made to Lodge Groups based on existing friendships.

Each Lodge Group will have weekly meetings starting at the end of Term 3 and throughout Term 4 to ensure our students are fully briefed and prepared.

Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening is on **Tuesday 22 August at 7pm** in the **Chapel**. This is an important opportunity to discuss clothing and gear requirements with staff and to gain an idea of what Field Centre involves. Again this year, we have a partnership with Macpac where we receive a 30% Saint Kentigern discount off full priced items. A link to the gear list is attached below and further details can be found on the [Field Centre OLE](#). We ask all parents and caregivers to attend. Students need not attend as they will have their own briefing.

We look forward to our Year 10 students finishing the year positively with an adventure in Tongariro National Park as they complete their years in Middle School before moving into Senior school next year.

Yours sincerely

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Head of EOTC

Duncan McQueen
Director of Campus Life & Special Character

Online Link:

[Equipment List](#)

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