



4 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## Year 10 Field Centre 2020

This is our 51<sup>st</sup> year that the College has organised Year 10 Field Centre expeditions to Tongariro National Park. Field Centre affords every Year 10 student the opportunity to gain independence and to explore personal strengths. Each student will be in a lodge group of approximately 24 Year 10 students, whilst under the supervision of experienced staff.

The National Park provides an exciting, spectacular and challenging environment for a programme which includes a three-day tramping expedition including camping and cooking out in the open; white water rafting, and 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. Eight lodges will depart on Saturday 21 November and return on Saturday 28 November followed by six lodges departing on Sunday 29 November and returning on Sunday 6 December. During the week that students are not away the students will participate in a compulsory two-day Auckland based programme, including a Marae visit and Auckland Museum activities.

### 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 accommodation. The individual cost is \$930 per student which covers both programmes and this amount will be included on your College account. Any students who withdraw from the programme after 30 October may not receive a full refund. This is due to non-refundable costs incurred by the College.

If you have any concerns regarding payment due to difficult circumstances ensuing Covid-19 please contact Mr Duncan McQueen ([Duncan.mcqueen@saintkentigern.com](mailto:Duncan.mcqueen@saintkentigern.com)). This is a confidential agreement between yourselves and the College.

### Safety and Preparation

Personal preparation is the key to a successful Field Centre. Each student's responsibility is to ensure their own high level of fitness and stamina so that they can participate fully in all activities. Your child will enjoy the experience and get the most from it if they have a good level of fitness. The Physical Education Department will provide a suggested fitness programme for the students to follow. We encourage parents to support their child in following this programme.

### Information Evening

On **Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm** there will be an information evening held in the Chapel. This will be an important opportunity to discuss clothing and gear requirements with staff and to gain an idea of what Field Centre 2020 involves. We ask all parents and caregivers to attend. Students need not attend as they will have their own briefing. **Please ensure the Consent and Health Profile Form is completed before the information evening (link below).**

Yours sincerely

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Head of EOTC

Duncan McQueen  
Director of Campus Life and Special Character

### Online Links:

[Consent and Health Profile Form](#)  
[Equipment List](#)

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