



January 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 Students

## Year 9 Orientation Camp

The 2020 academic year will involve an orientation programme for all Year 9 students. This programme aims to introduce your son or daughter to the values, philosophy and culture of the College. An essential part of this programme is the Year 9 camp at **Totara Springs** in Matamata, which is a great opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other well, outside of the normal classroom environment.

During the Week 5 of Term 1 the three-day camp for Year 9 students will take place. Students should report to the College at 8:40am on the grassed area outside the Chapel wearing casual clothing on their specific day of departure.

**Hamilton, Wishart and Stark** students depart on **Monday 24 February** arriving back at the College on **Wednesday 26 February** in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:30pm).

**Cargill, Chalmers, and Wilson** students depart on **Wednesday 26 February** arriving back at the College on **Friday 28 February** in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:30pm).

The total cost for the Orientation Camp is \$310. This is necessary to cover the cost of transport, food, accommodation, equipment and professional instructors etc. It will be charged to your College account once the camp is completed. Please note that we can ensure that food and the dining room does not contain nuts but Totara Springs Camp is not a nut free facility. Do ensure all relevant allergies are recorded on the online Health Form (link below).

We feel confident that this orientation programme will be a memorable one for all students. We look forward to a great start to the year and will have the opportunity to meet with you at the **Year 9 Inaugural Chapel services** held on the evening of **Sunday 9 February**.

There will be two Chapels on that evening:

- Cargill, Chalmers and Wilson families – **6.00pm**
- Hamilton, Wishart and Stark families – **7.30pm**

For your advance information arrangements have been made for parents to meet the senior staff, Heads of House and your child's Tutor on the evening of **Wednesday 11 March** at **7.30pm**. Later in the term you will receive an Interim Report and in Week 9 the formal Year 9 Parent Teacher Interview Evenings will be held to provide an opportunity for you to meet all subject teachers. Please note these important dates are on the Term Calendar card that you would have received by email and is also on the College Calendar which you can access on the OLE.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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## ONLINE FORM TO COMPLETE

Please click on the below link to complete the online Parent Consent and Health Form, which needs to be completed by **Friday 7 February**.

[click here to complete](#)

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## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Estimated time of departure: (meet on the grassed area outside the Chapel).

Hamilton / Wishart / Stark     **Monday 24 February** at 8:40am  
Cargill / Chalmers / Wilson   **Wednesday 26 February** at 8:40am

Arrival back at the College - in time to catch regular transport home on **Wednesday 26 February** / **Friday 28 February**.

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## EQUIPMENT LIST

Drink bottle	Sleeping bag & sleeping mat & fitted sheet
Parka	Pillow & pillow case and PJ's
Sports shoes ( <i>which may get dirty!</i> )	Warm jersey
Shorts & T shirts	Underwear
House Shirt	Jeans/shirt/sweatshirt for camp wear
Toilet gear & towel	Towel & togs
Comfortable camp shoes	Torch
Personal medication - inhalers, tablets, etc	Sunhat & sunglasses
Insect repellent - <i>essential</i>	Sunblock ( <i>Don't leave home without it!</i> )
Pen and card games, etc.	
A day pack ( <i>essential for the overnight tenting</i> )	

(Note: **No** ipods, mobile phones or any other valuables please!)

Gear should be packed in a tramping pack or use a canvas/soft bag. No suitcases please.

All students need to bring a **cut lunch** and **drink** for the first day of camp.

Further information and the camp programme will be available on the OLE closer to the time (mid-February).