

March 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Year 7 Camp

Thank you for your positive feedback about us doing this modified version of camp. While it is disappointing that they won't get the whole camp 'experience', we are pleased that they still get to go and do the challenging outdoor activities. Thank you too for your prompt replies about transport and parent supervision. Each class teacher will be in touch with you about those things.

All updated information related to camp can be found on the [Year 7 Camp](#) page on the OLE. There is a programme, a roster and a 'what to bring' document. This is the last written correspondence before camp and will hopefully answer the remaining questions you may have, but please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any further queries.

Camp Dates:

- Tuesday: 7KCT, 7HSP and 7GCP will attend from 8:45am returning at 6pm
- Wednesday: 7WMW, 7MGW and 7PAE will attend from 8:45am returning at 6pm
- Thursday: 7BFD and 7KJR will attend from 8:45am returning at 6pm

1. **Our Basic Philosophy** for this camp is that they are 'getting away from it all'. This means:

- no technology devices of any kind
- no mobile phones (no, they can't be brought as cameras)
- no lollies, chewing gum or junk food of any kind

We have an action packed programme that needs healthy food. We also want the students to work cooperatively and get to know each other. This cannot be achieved staring at a screen or with earphones in.

2. **Mufti** - no uniforms

3. **Gear** - Check all items are clearly named. Please read the 'what to bring' document on the OLE, carefully.

4. **Medication** - Please ensure any medicines requiring adult supervision are handed into the teachers before we leave. They need to be clearly named, with the required instructions and in a clear plastic bag. Asthma pumps and epipens need to be brought.

5. **Money** - There is nothing to spend it on so none is to be brought.

6. **Food** – they need to bring their own food and drink for the day (there is water available at camp to top up water bottles).

7. **Transport - morning**

Students leaving from the College are to assemble by **8:40 am on the lawn by the Chapel and the Goodfellow Centre**. Students coming to school by car need to be dropped in the bus lanes. There is nowhere to park. The students just need a day bag. Those going directly to camp should arrive by **9:45am** (but not before that) and wait in the car park.

Transport – afternoon

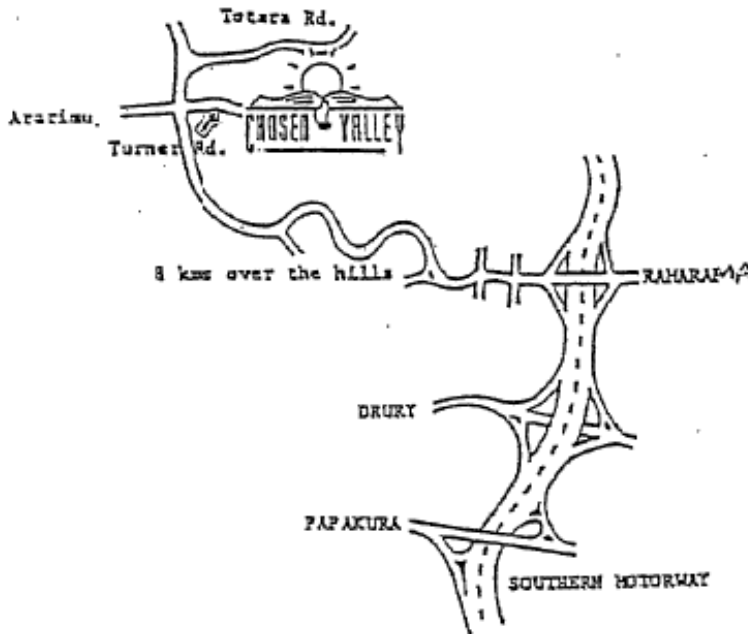
Parents who have opted to pick up students from camp - departure time is a strict **5:00pm**. We will not leave anyone at camp. If you are not there your child will be put on the bus and brought back to the College. The buses (depending on Auckland traffic) should get back to the College by **6:00pm**. Please wait in the main carpark.

8. Chosen Valley

Camp address – Turner Road, Ararimu

After leaving the southern motorway at Ramarama, turn left and travel about 8km up and over a large hill. Turner Road and the camp are clearly signposted on your right at the bottom of the hill. It is 40km (about 45 minutes depending on traffic) from school (see map below)

Emergency ONLY contact telephone numbers –
09 294 8296 (camp office) or
021 118 9557 (Mr Taylor)



Kind regards

Kevin Taylor
HEAD OF YEAR 7

Eric Wall
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL