



7 September 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## Year 10 Field Centre 2021

We continue to work to all Health and Safety requirements regarding Covid and advice from the Ministry of Education is that school EOTC activities such as Field Centre can run at Level 2.0 or lower. At this stage the planning and organisation for Field Centre continues to move forward.

This is our 52nd year that the College has organised Year 10 Field Centre expeditions to Tongariro National Park. Field Centre provides every Year 10 student the opportunity to gain independence and to develop 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 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. Eight lodges will depart on Saturday 20 November and return on Saturday 27 November followed by a further eight lodges departing on Sunday 28 November and returning on Sunday 5 December. During the week that students are not away they will participate in a compulsory two-day Auckland based programme.

### 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 **\$960** per student which includes both programmes and this amount will be included on your College account.

Any students who withdraw from the programme after 1 November 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 ([duncan.mcqueen@saintkentigern.com](mailto:duncan.mcqueen@saintkentigern.com)). This is a confidential discussion 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.

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## Lodge Groups

Lodge Groups for both weeks will be published before the end of Term 3, and each Lodge Group will have weekly meetings throughout Term 4 to ensure our students are fully briefed and prepared.

## Information Evening

Given the current Covid level restrictions it has been necessary to reschedule the Parent Information Evening booked for next week. We intend to run the same format on **Tuesday 19 October at 7pm** in the Chapel (Week 1 Term 4) if we are in Level 1. If we are in Level 2 the evening will be split into two times – 6pm and 7:30pm – more information on this to follow. This is an important opportunity to discuss clothing and gear requirements with staff and to gain an idea of what Field Centre 2021 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 page. We ask all parents and caregivers to attend. Students need not attend as they will have their own briefing.

Please ensure the Informed [Parental Consent Form & Health Profile](#) is completed before the information evening.

What the coming months will bring is uncertain and we all hope that New Zealand continues to be effective in its Covid response.

Yours sincerely



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## Online Link:

[Equipment List](#)

[Field Centre OLE](#)

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