

February 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 Students

Year 9 Camp

The 2023 academic year will involve opportunities for all Year 9 students to connect as a Tutor Group and as part of their House. The 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 **Week 4 of Term 1** the three-day camp for Year 9 students will take place. Students should report to the College at 8:30am on the grassed area outside the *Jack Payne Centre*, wearing casual clothing on their specific day of departure.

- Hamilton, Wishart and Stark students depart on Monday 20 February arriving back at the College on Wednesday 22 February in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:30pm).
- Cargill, Chalmers and Wilson students depart on Wednesday 22 February arriving back at the College on Friday 24 February in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:30pm).

The total cost for the Camp is \$330. This is necessary to cover the cost of transport, food, accommodation, equipment and professional instructors. 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 registration form (link below).

We feel confident that this programme will be a memorable one for all students.

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 10 February**.

Please Click HERE to complete the forms

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Estimated time of departure: meet on the grassed area outside Jack Paine Centre-JPC.

- Hamilton, Wishart and Stark Monday 20 February at 8:40am
- Cargill / Chalmers / Wilson Wednesday 22 February at 8:40am

Arrival back at the College - in time to catch regular transport home on Wednesday 22 February / Friday 24 February. There is no space on College grounds for pickup on your assigned day – you will need to arrange for pickup at the MANOR PARK ENTRANCE if you are collecting your child.

EQUIPMENT LIST

- **Drink bottle**
- Sleeping bag & sleeping mat
- Pillow & pillowcase and PJ's
- Sports shoes (which may get dirty!)
- Warm jersey
- Shorts & T shirts
- Underwear
- **House Shirt** (Be loud and proud of your House!)
- Jeans/shirt/sweatshirt for camp wear
- Toilet gear
- Towel & togs
- Comfortable camp shoes
- Torch
- Personal medication hand sanitiser, inhalers, tablets, etc
- Sunhat & sunglasses
- Insect repellent essential
- Sunscreen (Don't leave home without it!)
- Pen and card games, etc.
- A day pack (essential for the overnight tenting)

(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 **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).

PRESCHOOL