



January 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers of 2025 Year 9 Students

We hope this letter finds you well as you prepare for the year ahead. As we look ahead to the arrival of our Year 9 students in 2025, we are writing to inform you about the upcoming Year 9 Camp.

The 2025 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 **Sports Centre**, wearing casual clothing on their specific day of departure.

- **Hamilton, Wishart and Stark** students depart on **Monday 17 February** arriving back at the College on **Wednesday 19 February** in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:00pm).
- **Cargill, Chalmers and Wilson** students depart on **Wednesday 19 February** arriving back at the College on **Friday 21 February** in time to travel on regular College transport (i.e. by 3:00pm).

The total cost for the Camp is \$430. 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 Totara Springs Camp is not a nut-free facility. We try to ensure that all food and the dining room are kept nut free.

1. To complete the **College Health Form** please **Click [HERE](#)**, ensuring all relevant allergies are recorded, at your earliest convenience, but no later than **Sunday 2 February**.
2. **Totara Springs** also requires you to complete a disclosure form for students to participate in some of their riskier activities. Please complete this form by clicking **[HERE](#)** and e-mail the completed form to al.ronberg@saintkentigern.com

We feel confident that this programme will be a memorable one for all students. Should you require any further information, please email al.ronberg@saintkentigern.com

Yours sincerely

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YEAR 9 CAMP INFORMATION SHEET

Arrival Time: Meet on the grassed area outside the Sports Centre at 8.30am

Departure Time:

- **Hamilton, Wishart and Stark** - Monday 17 February depart at 09:00am
- **Cargill, Chalmers and Wilson** - Wednesday 19 February depart at 09:00am

Return back at the College - in time to catch regular transport home on Wednesday 19 February / Friday 21 February.

There is no space on the 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. PLEASE DO NOT COME IN THE MAIN GATES

EQUIPMENT LIST

- Drink bottle
- Sleeping bag & sleeping mat
- Raincoat
- 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-January).

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