



Year 3/4 Camp

Sovereign Hill, Ballarat



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BALLARAT

Monday 20th-Wednesday 22nd May
2024



HOLY FAMILY MOUNT WAVERLEY

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your assistance so far in the organisation for our school camp to Sovereign Hill. We look forward to providing this experience for your child which will complement Inquiry Learning for this term.

To further assist us, we need you to carefully read the following document to ensure everything is organised for your child to have a fantastic experience while at camp.

Dietary Needs:

All parents who indicated that their child requires certain dietary adjustments have already been emailed to indicate that these needs have been given to the Sovereign Hill catering staff. If there are any further dietary needs not indicated via the Operoo note sent, please email Eithne King immediately.

Medical Organisation:

All parents who indicated that their child requires certain medications on camp have been emailed a register to check and confirm. Please respond to this email as soon as possible.

It is important that we are able to ensure we are administering all medications safely and appropriately.

Each individual medicine needs to be organised into individual snap lock bags, clearly labelled with the name of your child.

Prescribed medications **MUST** be in their original packaging with the Pharmacy label indicating your child's name, and the dosage required. If your child requires only $\frac{1}{2}$ a tablet, these need to be prepared by a pharmacist in a blister pack. We will not be in the position to cut tablets.

Over the counter medications will also need to be provided in their original packaging (packet or bottle), clearly showing what medication it is. E.g Panadol, cough medicine etc

All medication will be required to be brought to school on the morning of the camp and handed to me. I will be set up at the front of the school just outside the admin office. If anything changes for your child in the next week or so I ask that you package it in a snap lock bag and it will be added to the register when handed in. Please ensure you allow time on the morning of camp to hand in medicines as it will be busy and it is important it is collected and properly organised.

Students are not to hand medicine in, nor should students have any medication in their bags.

Please note that all medicines will be returned upon arrival back at school.

For parents of students who require an EpiPen, please sign in this medication which will then be handed back to your child to place in their backpack for the trip to camp. Once at camp, this will be collected for the first aid station.

Medications already at school such as Ventolin, Epi-pens, Allergy medications will be brought to camp, and the current action plan provided will be followed.

Arrival at school:

On arriving at school, all students will place large bags along the walls adjacent to buildings under the blue shade sail. If the weather is inclement an alternative area will be provided. Teachers will be there to help direct. We ask students to arrive at 8:15am, as the buses **MUST** be ready to leave by 9am.

Students should keep their small day backpack with them and gather in their own classroom **as soon as luggage has been dropped off.**

It would be wonderful if parents could assist in loading the buses of luggage as soon as the buses arrive.

On the first day of camp, it is required that students bring their own morning snack, lunch, water bottle in disposable packaging, and is to be in their small backpack. Students may also bring a book or a small game such as a deck of cards if they wish but **no electronics (cameras, phones, smart watches, iPads etc).**

No other food is to be brought to camp, unless arranged prior with Eithne King.

We anticipate a return to school on Wednesday 22nd May between 4:30pm-5pm. We will keep you updated via the Skoolbag App, if this time changes.

What to pack for camp:

Day 1- BYO morning tea, lunch, water bottle

Due to the nature of this camp, we will be allowing the students to bring a small amount of money (\$20 maximum) to purchase souvenirs from their experience. This is certainly not an expectation. Items that have been purchased on previous visits have been horse shoes \$9, printed posters with their name \$7, a gold coin \$10, jar to place gold from gold panning \$3- these are just examples and prices may have increased. Another favourite purchase is a jar of old fashioned lollies from the lolly shop.

If you choose to send money with your child, please make sure it is a small purse/wallet clearly labelled with their name. To ensure the safety of money and all purchases, bought items and wallets/purses will be collected at the end of each day, and housed in a labelled zip lock bag for your child.

In selecting clothing for your child please consult the suggested list below, but please pack appropriately for your own child. The weather is likely to be colder in Ballarat than Melbourne, but you know your child best!

PLEASE LABEL EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING.

Pillows will be provided by Sovereign Hill.

We ask you to pack your child's bag with them, so they are aware of what items have been packed. This makes it easier when children need to repack their back for the return to school.

It is also worth having a 'practice run' of re-packing bags, especially sleeping bags, as these can be tricky items to pack.

BEDDING- COMPULSORY	pillow case, fitted sheet, sleeping bag
ALL STUDENTS MUST SUPPLY BEDDING THAT PROVIDES A COVER TO EXISTING SOVEREIGN HILL BED AND PILLOWS.	
SHOES	ONLY SLIPPERS or UGG BOOTS/THONGS for inside- outdoor shoes not allowed indoors
	2 x shoes
TOILETRIES	personal toiletries- no spray deodorant
	2 x bath towels
CLOTHING	raincoat
	jumpers
	long pants
	shorts
	t-shirts
	underwear, socks
	pyjamas
	Runners, walking shoes or boots
PROTECTION	beanie/hat
	insect repellent- roll on
	small fold up umbrella
OTHER	drink bottle
	torch
	garbage bag for dirty clothes

Parents please note- luggage and sleeping bags are NOT to be tied together. (Makes packing the coaches a nightmare). If you can fit everything into one bag- FANTASTIC!

Please also be mindful of the size of the bag you are sending. We are only going for 3 days, and your child needs to be able to carry it independently. The bus has a certain capacity for luggage.