



25 February 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: YEAR 8 GRAMPIANS CAMP

Arrangements are being finalized for the Year 8 Grampians Camp which is a wonderful educational experience. As well as the opportunity to apply skills learnt in the classroom in a practical way, we see the social benefits of students mixing in a supervised non-school environment to be of immense value.

Details of the camp are set out below.

Departure: **Monday 13 May** at 8.00am from the St. Joseph College Mercy Campus car park. Students will need to bring a cut lunch and be at the Mercy Campus by 7.30am to help load the bus.

Return: **Friday 17 May** at 4.30pm at St. Joseph College Mercy Campus car park. For information about the estimated time of arrival back in Mildura, please telephone the College Camp's information line on 5018 8020 after 1pm on the day of the Camp's return.

Accommodation: Norval Lodge, Grampians Road, Halls Gap. Phone: 03 5356 4241 (in an emergency).

Cost: The Cost of this trip has been covered in the Global Fees and therefore there is no additional money required for the trip apart from the child's own spending as outlined in the requirements for all student's sections. It is expected that all year 8 students attend the camp and as such no refunds will be given on this fee. Please refer any inquiries regarding Global fees to Mr. David Lim, Business Manager on 5018 8000.

Ambulance Cover: The school has ambulance cover on excursions.

Day Activities: During the course of the camp, each student will participate in the following activities:

- Abseiling
- Norval Team Challenge
- High Ropes
- Rock Climbing
- Mountain Bike Riding
- Brambuk Cultural Centre
- Bush Walking

Evening Activities: There are organised recreational and social activities every night.

Some of the activities are challenging, however we encourage all students to approach the activities with a positive attitude. This means for example, during the high ropes activity they may not actually go to the top, but may assist on the ground by encouraging their group members or belaying. All the activities cater for varying personalities and skills. All Year 8 students have been participating in a Community Adventures Unit in Physical Education during Term 1 to assist them to have the skills needed to prepare them for the Grampians Camp.

Requirements for all students:

1. Students should bring a sleeping bag and pillow case
2. Spending money - \$20.00 limit
3. Clothing:

It can be cold and wet on this trip, so please bring the following:

- 2 pairs of footwear (adequate for bush walking and rock climbing)
- 5 – 6 pairs of socks (thick ones are best)
- 3 pairs of trousers or track suit pants
- 3 warm jumpers
- 5 – 6 tops or t-shirts
- Warm coat
- Underwear
- 2 Towels
- Hat and sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Torch

4. Hiking Clothes

Light, waterproof coat (not a heavy one), shoes (not slippery soles), beanie and gloves, t-shirt in case the weather is fine

5. Backpack: A small backpack is necessary for hiking. It will have to carry a water bottle, clipboard, lunch, waterproofs, camera etc.
6. Clipboard, pens and paper
7. Toiletries

A suggested list of requirements for the camp is enclosed. Please consider practicality before fashion in your son/daughter's choice of clothing and footwear.

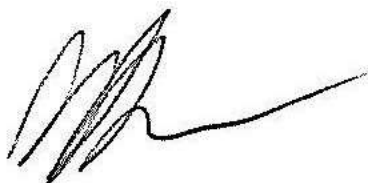
Further Reminders:

- Luggage space is very limited, so please do not bring unnecessary items.
- We expect students to be well behaved and co-operative on camp. It is an enormous task and responsibility taking away this many students on a camp. If there are any problems with behavior, students will be sent home, at the cost and unfortunate inconvenience of families.
- Mobile phones, MP3 players, Surface Tablets, Laptops and other expensive equipment, if taken, is the responsibility of the students. The school accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen property. Any equipment being used inappropriately will be confiscated for the duration of the camp.

Staff members attending the Year 8 Grampians Camp are to be confirmed, however can be contacted at the College on 5018 8035 in the case of an emergency.

Thank you for your support in our joint effort to provide a successful education for your children.

Yours sincerely



Mr Marcus Parker
Head of Mercy Campus

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Please return to Mr Parker via Pastoral Care rolls by Monday 10 March 2019

I give/do not give (*please circle*) my permission for my son/daughter _____ to participate in the Year 8 Grampians Camp from Monday 13 to Friday 17 May 2019.

- I agree to collect my son/daughter from the Year 8 Grampians Camp should such an arrangement be necessary due to illness, injury, or if in the opinion of the teacher-in-charge, the non-cooperation of my son/daughter interferes with the smooth running of the camp.

Signed: _____ (*Parent/Guardian*) Date: _____

UPDATED MEDICAL INFORMATION (PLEASE COMPLETE):

Recent Medical Information: (Any changes to the medical form completed at the start of the year)

Current Medication:

Any Specific Dietary Requirements:

Any Changes to Parent/Guardian contact Details:
