



22 July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

YEAR 5 CAMP

Please be informed of the following information regarding our camp in Term Three.

Venue: Tyalgum Ridge Retreat
783 Tyalgum Creek Road, Tyalgum NSW 2484
www.tyalgumridge.com.au

Date: Monday 26 August to Thursday 29 August 2019

This letter outlines details of the camp:

1. Information for parents –approval to be given on Parent Lounge
2. Packing list and checklist

This camp encourages every student to try many new experiences in a beautiful, natural environment with a trained and caring staff. The focus is on fun, with safety always paramount. Responsibility is emphasised through working in groups, in organising belongings and with regard to eating and sleeping. Attendance at camp is a mandatory part of the College programme. Non-attendance can only be accepted in exceptional circumstances eg injury or sickness.

Please Note: There is the possibility that students who display signs of serious illness may need to be excluded for part or all of the camp. If this is the case, please speak with your child's teacher and we will attempt to make alternative arrangements to suit the situation.

ACTIVITIES:

1. High Ropes/Flying Fox
2. Low Ropes/Animals
3. Rainforest Hike
4. Kayaks
5. BMX Bikes/Archery
6. Orienteering
7. Camping Skills
8. Rock Hopping
9. Group Initiatives
10. Problem Solving
11. Night Activities

STAFF ATTENDING CAMP:

1. Mr Paul Evison (Teacher)
2. Ms Natasha Cunning (Teacher)
3. Mrs Nicola Houghton (Teacher)
4. Mrs Joanne Pearson (Teacher)
5. Mr Chris Gardiner (Teacher)
6. Mr Joel Davis (Teacher)

VISITING STAFF ATTENDING CAMP:

1. Ms Lisa Kraft- (Head of Primary)
2. Mr Ben Campbell (Head of Student Development P-6)

TRAVEL:

Students will travel by air-conditioned coaches fully equipped with seatbelts. No food is required for the journey. Please note on the form if your child suffers from motion sickness. Sick bags and barley sugars will be provided, as only two front seats are available on the coach. If you wish to provide tablets for motion sickness please put these in a named snap lock bag and hand them to your child's class teacher.

DEPARTURE FROM THE COLLEGE:

The students are asked to be at College by 8.00am on Monday 26 August and they will be directed to place bags on the bus. Once bags have been dropped, students should farewell parents and move directly to their classroom for roll call and a pre-camp activity before departure for camp.

ARRIVAL BACK AT COLLEGE:

Thursday 29 August 2019 between 2.30pm and 3.00pm.

MEALS:

The chef and his staff take great care in producing healthy, fresh and appetising food. Please impress upon your child the need to eat well at all mealtimes, especially at breakfast to ensure energy for the day ahead.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Please let your child's teacher know of any special dietary requirements via email. This refers to allergies to food only, not personal likes and dislikes.

ACCOMMODATION:

Students will be grouped into bunkrooms. Girls will sleep in bunks with six per room and boys in bunks with ten per room. All bunkrooms are equipped with bathroom facilities. The staff will sleep in separate rooms near the students.

PERSONAL THINGS TO BRING AND NOT TO BRING:

Refer to the 'What to Bring List' for students. **Do not** bring torches, tablets, cameras, mobile phones etc, snack foods, chocolate bars or lollies.

IMPORTANT MEDICATION:

Please ensure this is given to the class teacher in a named bag or container with details and information clearly marked.

FIRST AID / ACCIDENTS:

The College has a bulk ambulance policy that covers all students whilst on camp. A comprehensive First Aid Kit will be taken and all camp staff members hold current First Aid Certificate. Please be aware that the camp is in a bush environment and ticks may be present. Upon returning home, students should carefully check for ticks. More information may be found at the following website:

http://www.health.qld.gov.au/poisonsinformationcentre/bites_stings/bs_ticks.asp

NIGHT TIME:

Both College staff and Camp staff will supervise the settling in of students at sleeping times. Staff will not go to bed until all students are settled.

APPROVAL:

Please approve your child's participation in camp, including travel by bus, by logging onto Parent Lounge and selecting the Tours and Excursion tab from the left hand side. Be sure to read and **accept** the terms and conditions contained in this letter and then further **approve** the event.

Medical details for your child will need to be verified as part of the approval process. Please click the dropdown arrow next to the red cross box, then View Medical. You will be able to update details if necessary. After exiting this screen, tick the Verify box, and then click on the blue Verify tab. To finalise approval, please ensure you click on the **save** box at the bottom of the page. Please contact your class teacher if you need to supply any further information such as the possibility of motion sickness and dietary requirements.

Please complete the approval process by Wednesday 31 July 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

THE YEAR 5 TEACHING TEAM

Below is a list of things to bring/what not to bring for our upcoming camp to Tyalgum Ridge.

What to Pack

Compulsory Items for Day Activities

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| 1 waterproof raincoat | 1 back pack or day pack |
| 1 hat (wide brim preferred) | 1 water bottle |

Clothing

Personal clothing for all days of camp, tee shirts (no singlet/tank tops), shorts (mid length or longer) and long pants or tights.

1 or 2 pairs of board shorts or swimmers (swimming, canoeing and wet activities)

1 warm coat or jumper for nighttime

1 pair of old sandals or reef shoes (canoeing and wet activities)

1 pair of comfortable walking shoes for activities (rainforest/rock hopping)

1 pair of shoes for 'dry' activities (ropes course, camping skills)

2 towels + bath mat

Toiletries

Other Equipment

Insect repellent

Sunscreen

3 x-Large Garbage bags for dirty clothes/shoes

Personal medication (give to your teacher)



Bedding

1 single sheet set with a sleeping bag or other bedding for single beds.

Bring your own pillow and a pillowcase.

Note: Extra blankets are in each room for colder nights

Please make sure that your items are all clearly marked with your name!

Items Not Permitted

Extra food, lollies, chewing gum, mobile phones (there is no reception for phones), money, torches, radios, iPods & MP3 players, cameras or any other electrical equipment.

CAMP CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- I have approved attendance at the camp and verified medical details on Parent Lounge
- I have kept a copy of the What to Pack List
- I have informed the class teacher of conditions such as motion sickness and dietary requirements