Dear Year 7 Parent/Guardian and Student

As part of the St Philip’s College Outdoor Education program, the Year 7 Camp will be held over **Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3**. The Year 7 Camp is the first camp of a comprehensive Outdoor Education program and leads students towards the challenges of Year 8 Camp, Year 9 Endeavour Camp, Year 10 Mittagundi Camp and the Year 11 Leadership Course. The primary focus of this camp is to introduce all Year 7 students to the philosophy of Outdoor Education and to provide constructive time to get to work with their peers and teachers in a different atmosphere. As the camp is integral to the College ethos, **this three-day camp is compulsory.**

Each student will attend for three days with his/her elective class group. The program consists of: one-day of bush walking along Section 1 of the Larapinta Trail, a day, including an introduction to orienteering, rock climbing and abseiling, and one day of cycling, including a trip to the Desert Park.

**PROGRAM (one class will do the program in reverse, starting with cycling to Wallaby Gap)**

Day 1 - a group bush walk - students will be transported by bus to Simpson’s Gap and will walk to Wallaby Gap along the Larapinta Trail.

Day 2 - groups will have an opportunity to try rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering and a walk up onto Euro Ridge, if time permits.

Day 3 - a group bike ride - cycling from Wallaby Gap via the Desert Park, Larapinta Drive and the Simpson’s Gap Bike Path.

After cooking dinner each night, groups will camp together and participate in night activities before the last day.

On their day of departure, students should be at school by 8.15am. They should meet on the College Oval, near the main entrance roundabout. Staff and students will return to the College on the third day at approximately 3:00pm.

The cost of the camp is $190. This includes - bicycle hire, bush walking equipment and food **after** the first lunch (recess and lunch on day 1 needs to be provided from home). Please note: all families were billed for the camp at the beginning of the year.

**THE DATES FOR CAMP ARE:**

- **Groups 1 and 2**: Monday, 8 August to Wednesday, 10 August
- **Groups 3 and 4**: Wednesday, 10 August to Friday, 12 August
- **Groups 5 and 6**: Monday, 15 August to Wednesday, 17 August
- **Groups 7 and 8**: Wednesday, 17 August to Friday, 19 August

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**ACTION REQUIRED:** ☐ Medical/Consent Form returned to Student Access by Thursday, 2 June 2016
MEDICAL REPORT AND CONSENT FORMS

Each student needs to return a completed and signed Medical and Consent form to Student Access by the latest Thursday, 2 June (Week 8 of Term 2) – early submissions are appreciated. Please complete carefully with as much detail as possible. Students should also sign the appropriate section.

In line with College policy, those students who have asthma or allergies should collect and return an Asthma and/or Allergy Management form from Student Access or download from the Outdoor Education section on the school website at http://www.stphilips.nt.edu.au/special-programs/outdoor-activities/camp-forms

EQUIPMENT

When selecting clothing, choose items that are going to be comfortable for walking or cycling during the day and offer protection from the sun. Remember, that although it is likely to be very warm during the day the temperature may drop considerably at night. Please ensure that the warm clothing and beanie listed are brought along.

WEAR THE FOLLOWING CLOTHES ON THE DAY - dress carefully for the conditions and for strenuous exercise:

☐ pair of comfortable tight runners (they must have laces)
☐ socks that cover the ankle
☐ broad brimmed sun hat or bucket hat. Baseball caps are prohibited and are NOT suitable
☐ apply sunscreen to face, arms and legs before coming to school
☐ shorts or lightweight walking pants
☐ collared t-shirt which provides sun protection for the neck (not singlets)

BAG 1 - Students should pack these items into a small soft bag, which will be transported by car to the campsite:

☐ pair of long pants & spare collared t-shirt
☐ spare underwear & ankle length socks
☐ warm jumper
☐ 1 x woolen beanie
☐ 1 x rain coat
☐ toiletries (toothbrush etc.)
☐ bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon
☐ torch
☐ mosquito repellent
☐ tracksuit / pyjamas
☐ optional: sunglasses, camera (student’s responsibility), scarf/gloves

BAG 2 - Students should pack these items into a small backpack that will comfortably fit and carry the following:

☐ PACKED LUNCH for the first day
☐ warm jumper
☐ sunscreen (apply also at home)
☐ 3 x 1ltr water bottles FULL (please check that they don’t leak). Drink plenty of water at home before the camp begins.
NOTES

1. iPods, handheld games and pocket knives are not permitted.
2. Please bring a PACKED LUNCH for the first day. No additional food or lollies are permitted. ENSURE THAT 3 LITRES OF WATER AND SUITABLE CLOTHING ARE BROUGHT FOR WALKING AND CYCLING.
3. Students will have spaghetti bolognese and souvlaki for dinner, cereal/baked bean jaffles for breakfast and sandwiches for lunches. Fruit will also be provided.
4. All sleeping equipment, bush walking equipment, cycling equipment and cooking equipment will be provided by the College. SLEEPING BAGS ARE PROVIDED. Do not bring a swag or pillow.
5. Appropriate bikes will be provided. For reasons of fairness and equipment consistency, students must not bring their own bikes.

If students are not on camp they should attend school at normal times for classes.

If you have any further questions regarding the camp or your son/daughter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Yours sincerely

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