Dear Parents,

An essential item for all students participating in the Year 9 Endeavour Camp and the Year 11 Leadership Course is a waterproof jacket. The following is an extract from the Camp Equipment list, which should be used as a guide when selecting a jacket:

**Waterproof jacket**

This is an **essential item of great importance**, since you will be outdoors for the whole course. An effective waterproof jacket will provide protection from cold, wet and wind.

It must:
- have an effective hood that protects the head and face from rain and wind
- be **ABSOLUTELY** waterproof
- reach at least halfway down your thighs

Some garments are unsuitable and should not be brought:
- ski parkas or quilted jackets (they are bulky and **NOT** waterproof)
- ‘shower-proof’ spray jackets
- Lined jackets – eg. Cotton or flannel lined jackets are unsuitable

A simple test to check if waterproof is to try and suck air through the jacket material. Generally, if air can get through, so can water. However, there are some exceptions. ‘Japara’ and ‘Gortex’ are two types of material that allow water vapour, but not liquid, to pass through; allowing them to ‘breathe’. These jackets are often expensive.

In previous years some families opted to hire a suitable waterproof jacket for the duration of the camp. This option is to be offered again in 2013. The cost of the hire of a quality Gortex will be $45 for either the Year 9 or Year 11 Camps (or discounted $80 for both). To hire a jacket, students need to return the form below with payment made to the College by the **end of Term 1**. Please pay and return the completed form to College Reception. Students should consult Mr Atkins if they are unsure of their size. Jackets are issued to students the day they depart for camp.

Yours sincerely,

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**Waterproof Jacket Hire – Endeavour Camp or Year 11 Leadership Course**

*Student’s Name:* ___________________________  *Year (circle):* 9 or 11

*SIZE (circle):* S  M  L  XL  (sizing advice available from Outdoor Education staff)

*Payment of $45 or $80 attached:* □

Please pay at Front Office