Stage 2 Outdoor Education – Mt Arapiles
2015 - Week 7, Term 1

1st ACTION REQUIRED: Week 1 Pay $450 deposit for flights to and from Melbourne and

2nd ACTION REQUIRED: Week 3 return Medical Form to student access

3rd ACTION REQUIRED: Week 5 Pay $500 remainder of trip costs

Dear Parent/Guardian of Year 11 Stage 2 Outdoor Education Students,

As part of the St Philip’s College Stage 2 Outdoor Education program your son/daughter has a trip to Mt Arapiles in Western Victoria departing on Saturday 7th March and returning on Sunday 15th March.

PROGRAM

This journey is actually a combination of two journeys, the first being a base camp at the Mt Arapiles Campground and the second a rock climbing expedition also at Mt Arapiles. The base camp journey will camp at the same site each day but move out to various crags for students to set up climbing and abseiling systems that they will construct and climb on. Students will also follow experienced climbers up multi-pitch climbing routes with some potential for the development of lead climbing if deemed suitable. The expedition section of this trip will comprise of spending time travelling away from the campsite and actually camping on the rock itself. This will involve one or two nights where students will be sleeping in their climbing harnesses attached to the rock as it will be eighty to one-hundred metres off the ground on large ledges.

The aim of this trip is to extend students’ climbing ability, expose them to other climbing areas in Australia and to focus on future folio tasks, investigation and the journey components of their Stage 2 study. Mt Arapiles provides us with a world class climbing area with a rich history and the park management practices required to achieve at a high level in this study area.

Students will be responsible for much of the planning that goes into this trip and have some responsibilities towards the group as well.

Costs

The cost of the camp will be $950 ($450 Deposit due Week 1) for food, accommodation, transport, park entry fees and activities plus the return airfare to Melbourne.

MEDICAL REPORT AND CONSENT FORMS

Each student needs to return a completed and signed medical form and consent form to Student Access by Friday 13 February (Week 3, Term 1 – however, please submit as early as possible). 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 at their earliest convenience. Medical consent forms, Asthma and Allergy Management forms are available for download from http://www.stphilips.nt.edu.au/special-programs/outdoor-activities/camp-forms

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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