



YEAR 5 CAMP BIRRIGAI

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th 2022

Dear Parents,

With our Birrigai excursion coming up soon, following are the final details that will be needed in preparation to go. Please finalise any outstanding payments by Friday 19th August. Birrigai is located in the foothills of the Brindabella Ranges. It is approximately a 45 minute drive by coach.

COVID Safety Measures

It is important that we protect our children and the staff as best we can against contracting COVID. We ask that all children and staff attending camp complete a Rapid Antigen Test on the day prior to camp. If your child gets a positive result, they cannot attend camp. In this situation you should email the class teacher and myself. Additionally, we will be taking a supply of Rapid Antigen Tests to camp. If your child is displaying COVID symptoms while at camp, we will call you and discuss the need to use one of the tests. Children who test positive while at camp will need to be collected. Additionally, if your child has a family member who is isolating, they cannot attend camp as a close contact. (This is different to the rules for attending school)

Travel Arrangements

- ALL students to be at school by **8:10am** with their luggage & sleeping bag clearly labelled with their name. We hope to be away by 8.30am. They can put the luggage out the front for the coaches and make their way to the hall for roll call.
- **ALL medication needs to be labelled** and handed to the teachers before getting on the bus. Any child who may suffer from motion sickness and requires medication must have it before we leave on Wednesday morning. Please ensure that they have a tablet that can be administered on Friday before the trip back. All medication should be sealed in a snap lock bag, with clear written instruction for administering. (More on medication towards the end)
- Anticipated arrival back at school on Friday is 2.45pm. You may wish to come and collect your child with their luggage as travelling on the school bus with luggage may be difficult.

What to Bring

Here is an indication of the things to pack. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled as there is always lost property left when staying in dorm style accommodation.

- 3 days of underwear and socks (plus spare socks in case they get wet)
- 3 t-shirts (long or short sleeve)
- 2 warm jumpers or fleece tops
- Trousers/track pants enough for three days
- Wet weather jacket or poncho
- Pyjamas – winter/warm ones
- Towel for the shower
- Toiletries (including hand sanitizer and sunscreen)
- Broad brimmed hat
- Warm sleeping bag (you may wish to pack a fitted sheet)
- Pillow
- Drink bottle – refillable not disposable
- Spare runners/shoes, in case the ones they are wearing get wet
- Bag for dirty/used clothing (maybe even one of two plastic bags in case they are wet)

CHILDREN ARE ASKED NOT TO BRING:

- **Lollies and food items** eg. chewing gum, chips or snacks. All food will be provided unless medically required
- i-pods, mobile phones, electronic games and valuables.
- Clothing – No midriff tops or singlets
- Torches are unnecessary, and only cause a problem when children should be in bed.

Sleeping arrangements

The children will be sleeping in dorm style accommodation. All of the cabin areas have shared internal bathrooms and a common room. There are between 8 - 16 children in the dorms. The children are required to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow. Please make sure the sleeping bag has a clear name on it as many of them look the same. Also, it is best not to tie the sleeping bag to your child's luggage as this makes it difficult for the bus drivers to pack the coaches. Please give your child some practice in putting the sleeping bag back in the bag as this is difficult. You may wish to send a spare plastic bag for them to transport it home.

Medication

We have a number of students who have indicated a need for medication this year. If your child is prone to headaches or hayfever, and is taking medication 'as required', can you please assist **by sending this in during the week before camp**. This will eliminate long lines of parents handing in medications on the day of leaving. All medication should be handed in and will be administered by the teachers.

Any other enquiries please contact me at school.

Looking forward to a great camp!

Regards,

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