



YEAR 6 CAMP BERRY

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents,

With just under a fortnight to go before Camp, following are the final details that will be needed in preparation to go. Please finalise any outstanding payments by Wednesday 13th March. If you need to know the outstanding amount you can contact the office ladies or email myself and I have a fairly recent printout of payments.

Travel Arrangements

- ALL students to be at school by **7:10am** with their luggage & sleeping bag clearly labelled with their name. We hope to be away by 7.30am.
- A small snack & drink will be needed in a bag to be taken on the bus, we stop for a morning tea and toilet break along the way.
- **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 Monday 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)
- Money for souvenirs needs to be clearly labelled in a snap lock plastic bag and handed to the teachers **BEFORE** getting on the bus. It will be given to the children on the Thursday or Friday to spend. **No money** should be kept in their luggage. You may also send this in next week to avoid long lines on the morning of camp.
- Anticipated arrival back at school on Friday is 4.30pm to 5pm. A note will be displayed in the front office if there is any change to this time. An alert will also be provided if this is the case.

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.

- Raincoat (disposable one is suitable – poncho type is fine)
- Hat (full brimmed – no caps allowed), Sunscreen and Waterbottle (refillable not disposable)
- Sleeping bag & pillow case (you can pack a bottom sheet if you wish to cover the mattress)
- Toiletries – Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo & conditioner
- 2 Towels (one bath & one for water activities)
- A pair of jeans or tracksuits
- Several pairs of shorts
- 5 x T-shirts (maybe one or two spare for nights)
- 1 or 2 long sleeve fleece tops or jumpers
- 2 pairs of joggers (**1 old pair** to wear in the river whilst canoeing)
- Thongs (only to wear to showers)
- Socks & underwear (enough for 5 days)
- Pyjamas
- Swimming costume to wear for canoeing and raft building (old is good – it's not fashion camp!)
- Handkerchiefs/tissues
- Insect repellent (roll on not aerosol)
- Garbage bag or plastic bag for dirty clothes.
- Pencil case/writing equipment to fill out camp booklet.
- Book to read in bed.
- **Optional** – camera (please ensure student knows how to use it). We do take some school cameras, so the children are well photographed – don't feel you need to send your expensive family camera.

- **Harmony Day** – It is Harmony Day while we are away and the staff have asked us if we would like to join them in celebrating/recognising the cultural diversity of our nation. For the final night activity the children are asked to bring something to wear that recognises a culture/country that is special to them. This can be as simple as choosing significant colours or items of clothing and is not to be an additional stress on your preparations.

CHILDREN ARE ASKED NOT TO BRING:

- **Lollies and food items** eg chewing gum, chips or snacks. Food items brought onto the Centre are collected, held and are returned to the children just prior to departure.
- i-pods, mobile phones, electronic games, radios and valuables.
- Clothing – No midriff tops or singlets
- Short shorts – The children will be wearing harnesses for many activities and wearing short shorts can result in rubbing.
- Torches are unnecessary, and only cause a problem when children should be in bed.

Sleeping arrangements

On each bed there is a pillow provided. The centre did previously provide a doona on each bed, but they found that this required a lot of unnecessary washing. Students should pack their own sleeping bag to use. Students will need to bring a pillowcase for the pillow provided. Unfortunately we do not have the room on the bus for children to bring their own pillow. I do also suggest students pack a fitted sheet to cover the mattress – we do get some hot nights and that way your child can sleep on the sheet with their sleeping bag open over them. (The mattresses are also a plastic feel and can be quite noisy and sticky)

Souvenirs

There will be time in the program where children are able to purchase souvenirs. Money from selling souvenirs is used to buy program equipment for the centre. Prices for items range from approximately \$1.00 for stationary items to approximately \$15.00 for a T-Shirt. There are a variety of things that can be purchased between these prices. Children are asked to bring no more than \$20.00 to spend, and as listed above this should be in a snap lock bag, labelled with the child's name, and should be handed in before getting on the bus on Monday. It is then locked away for the week at Berry to ensure that it is not lost. You may send this in early to avoid long lines on the morning of camp.

Medication

We have a large 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 over the next week**. This way I can organise all of this medication prior to leaving, and it will leave the Monday morning for me to spend time with parents sharing information of regular medications that need to be administered over the week. Travel sickness medication for the return journey could also be sent in early – this way I can complete all of the paperwork for the home journey and keep those medications separate from the others for easy access on the Friday.

We may be showing DVDs on the bus on the way to and from Berry. These will be carefully chosen, however we would like to choose some that are rated PG. If you are not comfortable with your child watching PG rated DVDs, please let me know. Children are asked not to bring food and lollies on the bus, other than their snack, which is packed in a secure bag, not to be eaten while we travel.

Any other enquiries please contact me at school.

Looking forward to a great camp!

Regards,



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