



YEAR 9 CAMP

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As part of your child's development in high school, a three-day camp has been organised for all Year 9 students, in July 2025. Its purpose is to build skills in teamwork, developing friendships, increase self-esteem, and provide an exciting and enjoyable environment to interact with peers. This is an invaluable opportunity in your child's high school experience, and it is expected that all Year 9 will attend.

The camp will take place at the Great Aussie Bush Camp facility near the coastal towns of Tea Gardens, located near the pristine beaches of Port Stephens. A range of activities will be organised, some of which include abseiling and recreational activities. Qualified instructors will run the activities in small groups of students with an accompanying teacher. All instructors have first-aid qualifications. Please note some water activities will be involved.

The students will travel by coach to and from the venue and will sleep in large cabins with bunks. A list of requirements is provided on the following pages. If you have any difficulty in obtaining any of these items, you must bring this to the attention of the Year 9 Advisor well in advance of the departure date.

To get ready for camp, information for parents must be read by both parents and students. Adherence to these guidelines at all times whilst at the camp is mandatory – failure to do so may result in removal from activities or being sent home at parent/caregiver's expense.

Please ensure the Medical and Consent Form and permission slip are completed via Sentral Parent Portal, and all costs are paid by the dates indicated.

DATE: Term 3 Week 3, Wednesday 30th of July 2025 to Friday 1st August 2025
VENUE: Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens
COST: \$450 (which includes all meals, accommodation and transport).
DEPARTURE: At school by 7.45 am to depart at 8.15 am on Wednesday 30th of July 2025
RETURN: To school by 3pm on Friday 1st August 2025 (students are to be picked up from the school grounds promptly on arrival)
MONEY: Must be paid to the Office or online via Parent Sentral Portal by Friday 18th July 2025. Please note that this date is the **final** date for payment.
DEPOSIT: \$150 to be paid by 09/06/2025
2nd PAYMENT: \$150 to be paid by 27/06/2025
FINAL PAYMENT: \$150 to be paid by 18/07/2025
NOTES & FORMS: Must be submitted online via Parent Sentral Portal by Friday 18th July 2025.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Year 9 Advisor

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PERMISSION NOTE FOR YEAR 9 CAMP

I give permission for my child to attend the camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens over the period Wednesday 30th August 2025 to Friday 1st August 2025. My child and I have read the Camp Guidelines and are aware that these guidelines must be followed. I am also aware that some water activities have been organised.

Total cost is **\$450.00**

Please complete all paperwork via Parent Sentral Portal by Friday 18th of July 2025.

Student Name: _____ **Roll Class:** _____

Signed: _____
Parent/Caregiver

Camp Guidelines and Rules

Students should be aware of these Guidelines

1. Never leave camp or an activity without permission.
2. All activities must be supervised by a teacher and instructor.
3. Listen to and follow instructor's guidelines.
4. Closed in shoes and hats should be worn at all times.
5. Respect male & female areas; enter no room other than your own.
6. Respect the natural environment, use bins provided, don't damage the bush.
7. No pocketknives, glass, valuables, electronic equipment, or mobile phones are to be brought to camp.
8. Do not approach or attempt to pat the wildlife.
9. All accidents / damage to equipment must be reported.
10. Wilful damage will be paid for by the individual(s) responsible.
11. Do not eat or drink in cabins or dorms.
12. No chewing gum to be brought to camp.
13. Respect others after lights out. There should be no need to leave your cabin or dorm after lights out.
14. Each group is responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of their room.
15. To avoid accidents please do not run around campsite areas.
16. As a general rule, students will not be removed from activities as punishment. They may be given a 5-minute time out to reflect.
17. Allocating extra duties or taking away free time may also be used as behaviour management strategies.
18. We may exclude students whose behaviour could result in serious danger or distress to themselves or others. In extreme cases, after consultation with teachers, the parents / guardians may be contacted and the student's will be sent home.

Health, Safety and Medication

Teachers are to forward to us completed Special Needs Forms and Dietary Forms prior to coming to camp. Teachers are to bring the following forms with them when they attend camp, Medical and Consent Forms and Current medication requirement form.

Asthma

It is vital that parents / guardians of children who suffer from Asthma provide sufficient information or an Asthma Management Plan. This will enable team members / teachers to take appropriate action in the event of an Asthma attack. Teachers will dispense any medication as required.

Gear Checklist - Children (Based on a 3 day camp)

PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS

MEDICATION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ORGANISING TEACHER. Ensure to write name of medication and time that medication is to be taken. Medication must be provided in the original container/packaging.

It is a good idea for students to pack their own bags so that they can re pack for the trip home.

1. Water bottle
2. Cup (used for morning/afternoon tea and supper)
3. Raincoat (regardless of forecast)
4. Hat or cap
5. Sleeping bag (extra blanket in winter)
6. Pillow
7. Sunscreen
8. 1 pair pyjama's (tracksuit in winter)
9. Day pack (small backpack for water, sunscreen, etc)
10. Torch (make sure it works before you leave home)
11. Toiletries (including toothbrush!)
12. Insect repellent
13. 2 pairs of runners (1 old pair for water activities).
14. Thongs - only for going to and from showers.
15. 3 T-shirts needed, no singlet / tank tops / midriff tops (for safety on activities)
16. 3 sets of underwear
17. 3 pairs of shorts - NO MINI SHORTS (for safety on activities)
18. 3 pairs of track pants
19. 2 sloppy joes / windcheaters
20. 3 pair socks
21. Bath towel
22. Beach Towel & swimmers
23. Tissues / hankies
24. Plastic bags for wet clothes / towel
25. Optional - camera, money for souvenirs.