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Stage 3 Camps for 2021 – Urgent Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Stage 3 usually participate in a camp program that works on a 2-year cycle. In even years we go to a Sport and Recreation Camp and in odd years we go to Bathurst Goldfields. Covid and 2020 conspired to change all that, with the end result being that this year's Year 6 missed out on camp altogether last year.

With Bathurst already booked for this year, Year 6 were at risk of missing out on an outdoor education style camp. As this is definitely the camp most children really look forward to, we have been working on a solution. There will be two camps this year, one for **Year 6 only** and one for **all of Stage 3**. Please read through the following information carefully and return the form at the bottom ASAP to indicate which camp or camps your child will be attending this year. Once we have finalised numbers we will send home more detailed permission notes with finalised pricing. At this stage, no deposit is required, however please note there is not a lot of time for the Year 6 Camp to be paid. We apologise for the shorter-than-usual notice.

Camp 1 – YMCA Camp Yarramundi (YEAR 6 ONLY)

17th – 19th May

*Anticipated price is around \$330. A deposit will be required by 13th March and full payment by Monday 3rd May.

Camp 2 – Bathurst Goldfields, including goldfields and Abercrombie House (Year 5 and Year 6)

27th – 29th October

*Details are still being determined, however \$350-\$370 seems a likely range depending upon the final activity list.

Both camps will be inclusive of accommodation, activities, meals and transport by seat-belt equipped coaches.

We understand that two camps will be too large a financial commitment for some families. It is our expectation that a number of Year 6 children will only be able to attend 1 camp, and that this will more than likely be the Yarramundi camp. Unfortunately, to confirm transport and final pricing, we need to know how many students will be attending each camp. If we do not receive a response, we will make an assumption that your child will not be attending any Stage 3 camps this year.

Nervous Campers – Should my child attend?

The short answer is – Yes! Every year, we have a lot of nervous campers. However school camps provide an excellent opportunity for children to experience life away from family within a supportive and structured environment. They will be with friends and teachers who know them and they will generally be too busy to be homesick. We are very experienced at helping nervous campers enjoy their experience. In 20 years of taking students on camps, not once have I had to send a child home due to being homesick! Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher should you need to discuss Stage 3 camping opportunities in greater detail prior to returning the form.

Please complete the 2021 Camp Participation form below and **return to school by next Monday 1st March.** Detailed camp notes and permission slips will be sent home shortly after.

Kind regards,

Gary Halpin
(Assistant Principal – Stage 3)

Participation in Stage 3 Camps in 2021

Student Name _____ Class _____ Grade _____

Complete for Year 6 students

My child will be attending BOTH camps (YMCA Yarramundi and Bathurst Goldfields)

My child will be attending the YMCA Yarramundi camp only

My child will be attending the Bathurst Goldfields camp only

My child will be attending neither camp (these students will attend school on camp dates)

Complete for Year 5 students

My child will be attending the Bathurst Goldfields camp

My child will not be attending camp (these students will attend school on camp dates)

Parent name _____

Date _____

Parent signature _____