



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Year 9 Camp: Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre, Emerald

5 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

For the Year 9 Camp this year will be heading out to Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre near Emerald. This venue has excellent facilities and has provided well-organised activities for many school groups over many years. The Year 9 cohort will be divided into two groups with the girls going Monday 29 April to Wednesday 01 May and the boys going Wednesday 01 May to Friday 03 June. This is Week 3 of Term 2.

The camp is about "Accepting the Challenge". The purposes of the camp are to:

- Develop resilience, teamwork, confidence and responsibility
- Experience safe, adventurous activities that promote and develop our CLEAR values.

The boys' camp will have activities that reflect the high energy, 'Wild at Heart' adventurous nature of boys with the theme of R.O.A.R. - *Rise up, Oppose what is wrong, Act on it, Resolve to stick with it*. The girls' camp will reflect the collaborative, adventurous, 'Captivating' nature of girls with the theme of S.O.A.R. - *Seek God, Overcome obstacles, Abide in His Spirit, Rise to the challenge*. The boys and girls have different needs at this time in their development into young men and women, and we hope that we can address these needs more appropriately in this way.

The program may include a selection from activities such as: low ropes, high ropes, canoeing, orienteering, hiking, rockwall climbing, abseiling, crate stack, archery, raft building, flying fox, ball games and problem-solving team activities. Some activities are weather dependent, but the camp will still go ahead if it is raining. Students will need to take this into account when they are packing.

The students will need to organise their personal belongings and equipment. One of the aims of the camp is to develop a sense of personal and group responsibility. Attached is a list of essential items that your child will need to provide. The students will be accompanied by their teachers. Full facilities are provided with kitchen and dormitory accommodation.

The cost of the camp will be \$380 to cover hiring fees, food and transport. A **non-refundable \$150 deposit is to be paid by Tuesday 26 March and a final payment of \$230 to be paid by Tuesday 16 April**. Please be prompt with payment for catering purposes and confirmation of bookings. Students who have not paid the full camp fee by the final due date will not be able to attend camp. If there are financial concerns, then please contact the Accounts Department to organise an alternative payment plan.

On Monday of the camp week, the girls will need to arrive at the school at 6:30 am for loading of the bus. It will be departing at 7:00 am SHARP. If you normally travel by bus to school, you will need to make other arrangements to ensure you are at the college on time. The girls will return to school on Wednesday by approximately 6:00 pm.

On Wednesday of camp week, the boys will need to arrive at the school at 6:30 am for loading of the bus. It will be departing at 7:00 am SHARP. If you normally travel by bus to school, you will need to make other arrangements to ensure you are at the college on time. The boys will return to school on Friday by approximately 6:00 pm.

Families of any students who arrive late for the bus, will have to find their own transport to the venue which is approximately 4.5 hours away.

Date and Time: Girls:

Bus departs at **7:00 am SHARP on Monday 29 April** and returns by 6:00 pm Wednesday 01 May

Boys:

Bus departs at **7:00 am SHARP on Wednesday 01 May** and returns by 6:00 pm Friday 03 May.

Where:

Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre, Emerald

Transport:

Chartered Bus

Cost:

\$380.00

Staff:

Girls: Mrs Juantia Vermaak, Mrs Jeanette Van Schalkwyk, Miss Breanna Quinn & Ms Debbie Wright

Boys: Mr Warren Tysoe, Mr Dan Bryer, Mr Yong Park & Mr Tim Cahart

What to bring: Equipment List for Year 9 Camp

	Comfortable walking shoes (school sports shoes are OK) + Covered shoes for all water activities (old sports shoes or aqua shoes [NO Croc shoes])
	Long light pants for high rope activities, and long-sleeved shirts (hike and canoe would be in full sun). For the girls, long leggings are acceptable when shorts are worn with them.
	Brimmed hat - this is a must have! No hat, no activity (bring a spare)
	Sun glasses (optional but recommended)
	Light pack to carry water - 2 litres minimum, snacks for morning tea on Day 1
	Puffer if required (other medication will need a form filled out for administering)
	Sleeping bag and sheet for mattress, small pillow (optional if it fits)
	Small torch (head mounted recommended but not essential)
	For water activities – togs + clothes that can get wet to be worn over togs
	Towel
	Toiletries bag to contain: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, deodorant & brush.
	Garbage bags to carry wet clothing/wet shoes
	Knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl and cup & tea towel
	Water bottle
	3 x Change of clothes and underwear (it may rain and you will sweat lots!)
	Pen or pencil
	Warm clothing including beanie, rain jacket, jumper, long pants such as track pants/jeans (thermal shirt optional)
	Camera (optional)
	Sunscreen & INSECT REPELLANT - the mozzies may be huge and hungry!

Equipment must be labelled with the student's name.

The following items are not to be taken

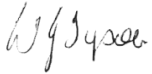
- Mobile phones
- Any electronic equipment
- Clothing that does not reflect the CLEAR values of the college
- Any other items not normally allowed at the college

Please respond to this invitation to participate through the Parent Lounge.

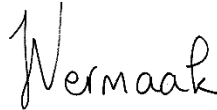
If you want to pay electronically, please do not use the BPAY code which will automatically put the payment into your school fees account. Please use internet banking (BSB 014-023 Acc No 838 333 765) and reference the transfer STUDENT NAME YR9CAMP.

If you have any questions regarding the boys' camp, please contact wtysoe@mccmky.qld.edu.au and Juanita Vermaak jvermaak@mccmky.qld.edu.au for the girls' camp.

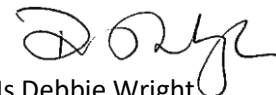
Yours faithfully



Mr Warren Tysoe
Director of Trade Training Centre



Mrs Juanita Vermaak
Secondary Teacher



Ms Debbie Wright
Head of Secondary