

30 April 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 8 students,

This term your son or daughter will be involved in an outdoor education camp, held at Chaverim. The camps will be in Core Studies B classes, so the students will go out with their Core Studies B teacher.

Accompanying this letter is a *Medical/Permission Form*. **Please complete the form and have your son or daughter return it to his/her CORE STUDIES B teacher by Friday 4 May.**

The *Equipment List* is included and is a guide to personal items your child will need during their stay.

Clothes should be functional and suitable for outdoor and adventure activities and provide adequate protection from the elements. Camp is not a time to be fashion conscious; clothes need to be very practical.

Students are also to be reminded that Chaverim is a Shalom College campus and all usual College expectations apply regarding behaviour and grooming. The wearing of unnecessary jewellery, make-up and inappropriate clothing is not permitted.

These Outdoor Education programs aim to provide an additional approach to the personal and spiritual development of your child and the greater Shalom community. This first level of the three-year program has specific objectives designed to provide:

- An atmosphere of cooperation between students, which can be applied at school, in the family and on the sports field. This may be characterised by cooperation, encouragement and concern for fellow students.
- Knowledge, skills and attitudes that contribute to a sense of responsibility, self-reliance, cooperation and harmony within oneself, with other people, and with the natural environment.
- Opportunities for participants to develop knowledge, low level skills and attitudes for participation in a number of outdoor pursuits.
- Knowledge skills and attitudes towards a “minimum impact ethic” consistent with the environment that activities take place in.

Each participant involved in the program will be given the opportunity to:

- “Look into the mirror” to see how their behaviours, both good and bad, impact their fellow participants
- Participate in physically and mentally challenging activities while remaining safe on physical, mental and emotional levels.

- Experience and practice Christian values by living and working together in an open and encouraging atmosphere.
- Develop low level skills in a number of outdoor activities as well as a basic understanding of the associated equipment and safety precautions.
- Experience achievement in a non-competitive 'win-win' environment.

The camp also gives each Core Studies B teacher and the students the opportunity to get to know each other well.

The students will be transported to Chaverim by the College bus. Students will need to be at the school by 8:30am the morning of the camp; they will return to the College in time to catch buses etc. home.

A schedule for the camps with dates of each camp will be given to your son or daughter as soon as this is finalised.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me here at the College by phone or email.

Yours sincerely

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