



January 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Year 8 Camp Term 1 Week 4 February 17 - 21 2020

Wirreanda Secondary School has in place a range of strategies to assist students to successfully transition and settle into secondary school. As part of our transition program all year 8 students have the opportunity to attend a camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre in Piccadilly, in week 4 of term 1. All Year 8 students will participate in one of two camps planned in week 4, grouped in their PBL Villages.

Camp 1: PBL Villages Purple (A) & Blue (B) Monday 17 February - Wednesday 19 February 2020

Camp 2: PBL Villages Orange (C) & Pink (D) Wednesday 19 February - Friday 21 February 2020

The goals of the camp are:

- To further the personal development of the students, focusing on self-esteem and confidence
- To build interpersonal bonds between students and staff early in the year
- To introduce the students to various leadership activities embedded into the Australian Curriculum

Wirreanda Secondary School staff members will accompany the students on each camp. The camp program will include:

- Leadership games/challenges; orienteering; frisbee golf
- Specific sessions around team building/wellbeing and learning goals
- Challenge Hill - obstacle course/zip line (Lead by Venture Corporate)
- Community service/revegetation around Woodhouse
- Cultural, creative and mindfulness activities

This camp is an exciting and important part of the transition process for year 8 students. The cost of the camp will be \$120 per student. This cost has been subsidised by the school. In December 2019 you would have received an invoice for the camp cost via the post. If you have not received this please contact the Finance Office on 8329 7258 as soon as possible.

Please find attached consent forms for the camp to be completed and returned to the PBL teachers;

- Department for Education Consent form for Excursion/Camp
- Department for Education Swimming/Aquatic Consent form (no swimming will occur on camp, used for medical information gathering only)
- Venture Corporate Recharge (Zip Line) letter for online process for Acknowledgement of Risk (Must be completed online to allow student to participate in the Zip Line activity)

Week 4 is set to cater for all year 8 students at camp - normal lessons for year 8 students will not be held on the days the students are expected to be on camp. Please be aware of this if you have indicated to the year 8 Home Group teacher that your son/daughter will not be attending camp.

Students need to meet at the southern car park (Richards Drive) at 8.30am on the day of departure. Students should be dressed in sun safe, comfortable, casual clothing. Expected return time from camp is 2.30pm, students can be picked up from this time.

Attached is information about what your son/daughter should bring on camp.

If you have any questions regarding the 2019 year 8 camp, please contact your student's PBL teacher either via email or on 08 8329 7200.

Yours sincerely



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MS House Leader



Katrina Axford
Senior Leader



Caroline Fishpool
Principal

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Food	
250g packet biscuits (to be handed to teacher, on the morning of the camp)	Packed lunch on the first day and drink bottle
Clothing	
2 changes of dry clothes	Broad brimmed hat (preferable)/peak hat
Warm clothing for evenings	2 t-shirts to get wet
Enough underwear for 3 days	1 x extra pair of shoes to get wet (old shoes preferably)
Other	
Sleeping bag and pillow	mug/plate/bowl/knife/fork/spoon (reusable)
Toiletries (no spray deodorant or perfume)	Tea towel
Towel	Torch
Sunscreen/mosquito repellent	Medication if necessary (labelled clearly and handed to teacher on the morning of the camp)

Please note: labelling clothing and other personal items will help reunite them with their owners if misplaced.