MacKillop Mountain Biking Club
(MMTB)

Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in joining the MacKillop Mountain Bike Club.
The club has been set up with a view to:

- Equip students with some knowledge and skills to ride safely and learn basic maintenance
- Improve students’ riding skills and fitness
- Entering school teams in junior races (usually after school or weekends)
- Developing trail building skills through involvement with the Hobart Trail Groomers Volunteer group (mainly building in the Clarence MTB park)

The club will be run by the MacKillop College Outdoor Education staff (listed below) and we are also hoping for some assistance from interested parents, as we need to run our rides according to the Tasmanian Education Departments Activity Guidelines in terms of instructor/student ratios.

We will start out with after school rides and from there, gauge interest in racing and trail building. After investigating which days of the week would suit students the best, we have decided to alternate ride days between Mondays and Fridays where possible to maximise participation. There is a schedule of ride days attached to this letter. For after school rides we will meet at the Outdoor Education shed at 3:30pm. Most rides will be in the Clarence MTB park, but we will occasionally travel to other areas to ride as well, such as the Tolosa MTB park.

It would be preferable if students could bring their own bikes and equipment, however there is the option of borrowing bikes and helmets from the Outdoor Education department at MacKillop College. We can also arrange transport to the riding venues from the college for the after school rides.

To facilitate weekly communication about when after school rides will be happening, and when races will be on, I will set up a Schoology course for the club (which can be found at www.schoology.com). I urge all parents, as well as students, to join up to this course to stay informed of what is happening with the club. When you go to the website, you will be asked for an access code to join the course, which is: FQSJZ-XTKK4 (I am sure your son or daughter can help you with this!).

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Of course, it is vital that we have up to date medical information when running these activities so that we can ensure your son/daughters safety, so please ensure you have returned the forms that were sent out earlier in the year regarding any medical issues concerning your child. Also, it is important that any necessary medications are brought along on riding days.

Finally, please indicate on the form below if you are able to assist us in running after school rides. Due to the number of camps that Outdoor Education staff at the College is involved with we won’t always be able to run after school rides, hence the necessity for parental assistance at times.

Please contact me at the school on 62450099 or 0437746235 if you have any questions.

Mr Jules Farmery
Outdoor Education Coordinator

Proposed Schedule of after School Ride Days for Term 1 (Please note these may be subject to change, keep an eye on the Schoology updates). All rides will start at 3:30pm

Friday 7 March
Tuesday 11 March (Due to Public Holiday Monday 10.also, Dirt Devils club race at Kellevie on Sunday 16th March)
Monday 17 March
Friday 4 April
Monday 7 April
Monday 14 April
Attention Mr Farmery:
MacKillop MTB Club:

I have read the attached information and I hereby give permission for my son/daughter ___________ of Home Room __________ to attend after school rides and events as a member of the MacKillop MTB club. I have also ensured that my son/daughters medical information form has been updated.

I am also available to help assist with supervision on rides
Phone contact______________________________
Email: _______________________________