



Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers and Students,

Year 7 Camp 2021

Our Year 7 camp experience is coming up quickly! It is a wonderful time for the Tutor and House Groups to consolidate their new friendships and learn a great deal about their working relationships with each other. Year 7 camp is an experience that is an important part of the Well-being Curriculum for all Year 7 students.

The two-day camp has one overnight stay at the Lea Scout Centre near Kingston and leaves from MacKillop Catholic College at approximately 9.30a.m. on Day One. **Students need to be on campus by 8.30a.m.** At the end of Day Two students are returned to the College at approximately 3.00p.m. for collection by their families. Since there is a great deal of physical activity in the experiences, students are asked to wear **sensible, plain clothes** for the two days. This will be outlined further prior to the camp commencing.

Staff from The Lea Scout Camp will be running a climbing tower and low ropes activities on the camp. Both organisations have completed thorough risk analysis of the planned activities and have developed strategies to manage these risks. If you have any issues with your son/daughter engaging in these activities, please contact your son's/daughter's Tutor.

Morning tea for the first day should be brought as a packed morning tea from home.

(I encourage you to pack a lot as the camp is active and students will get hungry).

IMPORTANT! Should your son/daughter have any essential special dietary needs, please ensure that your Consent2Go information is up to date, as this is where our information will be sourced from.

Tutor Groups will attend camp on the allocated dates outlined in the below table. Please note that remaining days in any week **are normal school days and require students to wear the usual school uniform. An equipment list for the camp is attached to this letter.**



Tutor Group	Camp Dates
7 Rice and Sion	Monday, 1 March – Tuesday, 2 March
7 Fitzroy and Tenison	Tuesday, 2 March – Wednesday, 3 March
7 Penola and Waterford	Wednesday, 3 March – Thursday, 4 March

Please ensure that the Consent2Go is completed by Wednesday 24th February.

The Year 7 teaching and Tutor staff are looking forward to Camp as this essential element of the curriculum will provide opportunities for your son/daughter to get to know their new peers and staff well. Please find attached a camp timetable and an outline of the equipment that will be needed for our stay on the Year 7 camp.

Year 7 Camp Timetable

Day 1		Day 2	
8:30	Meet at MacKillop Catholic College	7:30	Breakfast and pack up rooms
9:30	Depart MacKillop Catholic College	8:30	Clean area
10:30	Arrive at The Lea, briefing, settle in, Recess	9:00	Group 1: Climbing Tower Group 2: Low Ropes
11:00	Peer Support led activities	12:00	Lunch (from The Lea)
12:00	Lunch (from the Lea)	12:30	Flying Fox
1:00	Group 1: Climbing Tower Group 2: Low Ropes	2:00	Depart
3:00	Afternoon tea	3:00	Arrive at MacKillop Catholic College
3:30	Team building challenges		
5:00	Free time		
6:00	Dinner		
8:00	Reflection Session		
9:00	Bed		
10:00	Lights out		



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Please note the following related stipulations from Public Health:

- The 2m2 rule will apply within premises including dormitories
- COVID Safe behaviours such as hand hygiene, cough etiquette and social distancing should be encouraged
- A camp COVID safety plan is developed and implemented
- Students should be advised not to attend if they have COVID symptoms and if a student develops symptoms on Camp, families will be called to pick the student up immediately.

Warm regards,

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Year 7 Camp – Equipment List

Tick List

MAJOR ITEMS

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Sleeping Bag

Ideally this should not take up more than ¼ of your bag

Sheet

Single

Pillow (favourite) 😊

Rain Jacket

With hood and should be long enough to cover thighs

Footwear

Laced with ankle support for walking

Snacks for Day 1 (morning and afternoon tea)

One Gear Bag

Large enough for all your gear. A sports bag would also be suitable.

Clothing

Beanie

T-shirt

Old t-shirt for messy activities

Woolen or polar fleece Jumper/jacket

Warm trousers

Shorts

Spare pair trousers/track pants/shorts

Warm socks

Underwear

Pyjamas

Hat

Other

Sunscreen

Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel

Torch (optional + Head torch is best)

Medication to be handed to Tutor teacher (asthma inhalers to be kept on you in person)

Water bottle