

8 March 2017

Dear Year 9 Parents

OUTWARD BOUND

Please note the following information regarding Outward Bound:

It is essential that all students have the appropriate clothing for the camp. Please double check all of your child's clothing and equipment before sending them off on Outward Bound.

DEPARTURE

Please be at the Skene Street Bus Stop on THURSDAY 16TH MARCH at 5:00am. Please do not be late.

Please DO NOT park on the bus bay side from the corner at Knight Street and Skene Street through to the roundabout at the corner of Skene Street and Nixon Street. Please reserve this space for bus parking only.

Students will find out their groups on Wednesday 15th March 2017. They will also find out who their Group Leader is and what bus number they are to get on come Thursday morning.

The students are then to move to this bus number on Thursday morning where they will **find their allocated group leader and have their name marked off the roll before boarding the bus.**

RETURN

Students will return to Notre Dame College, Skene Street on Friday 24th March at approximately 4:30PM. Please ensure that you are ready to pick them up at the allocated time. Your child can text or call you from the bus on the way home to confirm the arrival time should they wish to.

Susan Sulejman will send a text message to all parents on the day to confirm the arrival time also.

MEDICATION

Any student who requires medication during the camp, should provide two sets – one to carry and the other as a spare to be kept at Base Camp. This will be returned at the end of the camp.

CAMP DETAILS

As notified previously, each student will be issued with a backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet and ground sheet. Your child only needs to bring items of personal clothing and other personal items listed on the equipment list. Bivvies (to sleep under) and cooking equipment are supplied for each group.

For personal safety and comfort please ensure your child has insect repellent (not aerosols), sunscreen and lip sun protection.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS WHILST TRAVELLING

Students will need to provide their own lunch on the first day and have money on the last day to purchase their lunch on the way home.

ATTENDANCE TO OUTWARD BOUND

As you are aware, attendance to Outward Bound is part of the enrolment requirements for Year 9 students at Notre Dame College as it is an integral part of the Year 9 Curriculum. It is very unfortunate for specific medical reasons that some students cannot attend. It is to be expected and only natural that students are feeling anxious about going, but once they complete their first day, they feel very proud of themselves for overcoming their doubts. **Students who are ill on the leaving date of Outward Bound and do not leave on the buses are required to provide a medical certificate for their illness.**

UPDATES WHILST ON CAMP

While all efforts will be made to bring you regular updates on the students via the Notre Dame College website, please keep in mind that mobile service is very limited (and sometimes non-existent in most locations) and therefore, there may be a few days in between updates. You can view updates on the College Website under “Outward Bound 2017” which can be found under the Quick Links section.

Students are allowed to take their mobile phones to use on the bus only. It is highly advised that the students fully charge their phones the night before and don’t drain the battery on the way to camp. They are required to take a plastic container to store their phones in whilst they are on Outward Bound and these will be locked away until the completion of the camp.

If you have any queries or concerns whilst your student is on Outward Bound, please contact Susan Sulejman at the College on 5822 8400 or susan.sulejman@notredame.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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