Dear Parents

Less than one week to go till camp, and we have an exciting program planned! Daytime activities include: horse riding, flying fox, initiative courses, big swing and a day trip to Buchan Caves. Night time activities include: a night hike, trivia night, movie night and a disco.

Regarding the Disco: Clothing for the evening should be fun rather than formal. (Please incur no extra expense. Boys - wear Dad’s tie if you like).

Students will be well cared for and closely supervised at all times. Teachers coming to camp this year are: Meg Neal (Camp Leader), Nathan Gilliland (In charge of First Aid), Amy Kopciwicz, Shanae Hill, Ian Box and . Parents attending camp are: Andrea Itowski, Ian Griffiths, Zelko Maric, John Thanos and Vilim Kinkela.

Packing Requests

Food is very plentiful and delicious at Camp Coonawarra so there is no need to pack emergency rations or lollies. Blankets and pillows are supplied. Campers must bring a sleeping bag, fitted sheet and pillow case. All clothing and bags must be clearly named (including socks!). A water-proof coat is essential. Please let your child pack their own bag so that they know what they are taking. Shoes are to be removed before entering the main buildings, so slippers are necessary.

Please pack a lunch, snack and drink for Day One. This needs to be put in your child’s daypack rather than their bag which is stowed away under the coach.

Regarding Luggage: all bags to be stowed need to be of the soft-sided, sausage type and should not be over 12 kg in weight. No suitcases. Do not tie sleeping bags to travel bags. Sleeping bags should be kept separate and be clearly marked with your child’s name in permanent marker.

Location

Camp Coonawarra includes a large lodge with bunkrooms, recreation rooms, kitchen and dining room. The lodge is surrounded by a variety of recreation spaces and adventure facilities (e.g. ropes courses). The Camp is situated along Bairnsdale-Dargo Rd in Stratford. There is a pool at the camp but there will be no swimming so bathers will not be required.

Please don’t pack mobile phones. There is limited reception. The main office number for Camp Coonawarra is 51576315 and the ideal time to contact teachers/leaders is at meal times (8:00am, 12:30pm or 6:00pm) when everyone is in the dining room.

Departure Organisation

On Monday morning 27th July students need to arrive at school with their luggage by 8.30am. It is essential that all students are on time to enable smooth final organisation and a prompt departure at 9.00am. Bags need to be placed at the northern end of the street along the school front fence. If it is raining, luggage should be put under walkway near classrooms. Any students with medication (in bags with names and dosage clearly marked) are required to see Nathan Gilliland in Room 3 by 8.40am.

The students are then to meet at 8.50 a.m. in their classrooms where class rolls will be taken.

If, because of illness or injury, your child is unable to attend camp, please contact the school before 8.15am on Monday morning (9885 3624). Buses will return at school at approximately 3.15pm on Friday 31st July. Please collect your child promptly.

Yours Sincerely,

Meg Neal, Amy Kopciwicz, Shanae Hill, Ian Box, Nathan Gilliland