



1 February 2017

Dear Year 7 Parents and Caregivers

Ref: Year 7 Camp Information

A highlight of Year 7 is the opportunity to blend the cohort without the constraints of the classroom at our Year 7 Camp at the PCYC Capricorn Coast, Yeppoon. Students will engage in practical, outdoor and team building opportunities. They will have opportunities to work individually on high ropes courses, in small groups in laser tag and as a whole in prayer.

The Year 7 Camp is scheduled for **Wednesday 22 March until Friday 24 March**. As this camp is an integral part of our pastoral care program, it is **compulsory** for all Year 7 students. There will not be an alternate program offered at the College. If students have other commitments during this time, please make arrangements for these days in order to attend this camp.

The aim of the camp is to provide students with personal and social development opportunities, individual challenges, group challenges and environmental awareness. Students are faced with challenges that provide an opportunity for personal growth and team building skills.

The Camp is run jointly by PCYC Capricorn Coast and Marist College. More information about the program offered by PCYC Capricorn Coast can be found at: <http://www.pcy.org.au/Youth-Programs/Capricorn-Coast.aspx>

Whilst on camp, students should be aware that Marist College policies still apply. From a risk management and safety perspective, it is extremely important that students are cooperative and responsible at all times. Unacceptable behaviour will be managed by staff, and in some instances, students may be sent home at a cost to parents. Students must follow the procedures communicated to them by the PCYC Activity Leaders during all activities.

Camp Dates

The bus will depart Marist College at **6:30am Wednesday 22 March** and will return by **3pm Friday 24 March**. Students will need to be **at school by 6:15am** on the day of departure to pack equipment on to the bus.

Blackwater students will be picked up near the Shell Service Station in Blackwater at approximately 7am. Should you require us to collect or drop off your child along the route, at a different destination, please contact myself via the College Office or email; gene_tucker@rok.catholic.edu.au.

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Students will be permitted to bring a **small amount of money** to purchase snacks at the Dingo Roadhouse on Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon, however, energy drinks and other items deemed unacceptable by teachers will not be allowed. All other meals will be provided.

Students will need to bring sensible clothing appropriate for the activities and the outdoor environment. Due to the climbing, rope work and the need to wear harnesses, shorts will need to allow both freedom of movement and modesty. To align with Sun Safety Policy, midriff and sleeveless tops will not be permitted. Students will also need to wear hats, preferably broad brimmed, at all times when outside. It is encouraged that jewelry is left at home, as it will need to be removed for all activities. Students are permitted to bring mobile phones, however, these and any other electronic devices will be collected at the camp where deemed necessary by staff. Accommodation at the PCYC Capricorn Coast will be in dormitory style cabins.

First Aid

Mrs Rose Dale will be the nominated First Aid Officer on camp. As medication must be administered by an adult, all prescription medication must be handed to Mrs Dale, **clearly labelled and packaged in a zip lock bag** on the day of departure. Students who have an Epi Pen or Asthma Ventolin, need to keep it on them at all times for the duration of the camp. Any non-prescription medications like, Panadol etc can be kept by the student.

Camp Cost

The total cost of the camp will be \$365. This includes accommodation, transport, meals and specialised staff. Payment of fees is required by **Monday 27 February, 2017 and is non-refundable**. Families of Year 7 students are asked to use the following Parent Lounge link: <https://620mce.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge> or access the Parent Lounge link through the College website www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au to read and approve all the required medical information, excursion permission form/itinerary and to make full payment. Excursion details can be found under the 'Tours and Excursions' section.

Note: Details on how to log in and access your Parent Lounge Portal are enclosed with this letter.

Medical and Consent Forms

Please read all the camp information carefully in this letter and on Parent Lounge, completing and signing the forms listed below; these should be returned to Mr Tucker by **Monday 27 February 2017**.

1. **Marist College Year 7 Camp Consent Form**
2. **PCYC Capricorn Coast Medical and Risk Recognition Form (including dietary requirements and allergy information)**
3. **Rocky Instincts Terms and Conditions/Waiver Form**

If your child has special dietary requirements or allergies, please note them on the attached PCYC Consent Form. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

For families who do not have computer/internet access to Parent Lounge, please complete and return the Consent and Medical form attached. Payment by electronic transfer is also welcomed. Please ensure you make note in your internet bank transfer in the reference section of your payment, your surname, followed by the specific request for payment eg: **Smith9camp**.

Marist College banking details are: **BSB: 034 210** and the **Account number: 124 023**.

If there are any families that may have difficulty in making this payment by the due date, please contact Mrs Connie Iddles in the College Office to organise an alternative payment arrangement.

I look forward to accompanying your child on Camp and know they will return enthused and unified as a cohort for the remainder of Year 7 and secondary school. If you need to contact me while on camp the College's mobile phone number is **0437334066**.

If you have any queries regarding the camp, please contact me at the College on 49823400 or email; Gene_Tucker@rok.catholic.edu.au.

Kind regards



Gene Tucker
Year 7 Coordinator



Mark Green
Principal



CONSENT STATEMENT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

To be returned to the College office by Monday 27 February 2017

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter _____ to attend the Year 7 Camp from **Wednesday 22 March until Friday 24 March**, which has been arranged by Marist College Emerald. I hereby give my permission for him/her to use such known forms of transport as may be deemed necessary.

I agree that, during the period of the aforesaid excursion in which my son/daughter participates, and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary, my son/daughter shall be under sole direction of the person/s duly appointed in charge of the student group in which he/she is included.

I further agree to meet the costs for any illness, accident, or unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the periods of the activities in which my son/daughter participates and during such travelling and other activities as may be deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

New or Additional Medical Information

(Only complete if any new or additional information has occurred since enrolment)



YEAR 7 CAMP PACKING LIST

Items are to be clearly marked with the student's name

- Swimming Togs
- Beach Towel
- Bath Towel
- Sheet and Blanket or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Toiletries – including sanitary items, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Prescription Medications (*To be handed in on departure morning*)
- Wide Brimmed Hat
- Pyjamas
- Underwear + socks
- 3-4 x sets of clothes (suitable for physical activity)
- Sturdy Joggers
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Torch
- Thongs (for showering/ dining room)
- A small amount of money to purchase snacks at the Dingo Roadhouse.

PLEASE CONSIDER

- Only comfortable, appropriate and sun-safe clothing should be packed.
- Please do not bring large sums of money, expensive jewellery or technology eg iPads