

23 February, 2017



Dear Parents/Guardians

This year the Year 8 students will be attending a camp at Carnarvon Gorge. The purpose of this camp is to allow the students to mix and work together in a less formal setting and a chance to interact across the cohort. Activities to be undertaken whilst on camp will include bushwalking, swimming (in rock pool), camp set-up and related tasks (including food preparation), group spiritual/liturgical sessions and miscellaneous games. Hiking through the gorge will involve walking through rainforest, crossing rocky creeks and climbing steep bluffs, therefore it is essential your child wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes with good grip.

The camp will be conducted in the second last week (Week 9) of this term with students **departing the College on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and returning Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Please see the itinerary following for times and details.

We view these days as very important for the personal development of our students, and as it is an integral part of our pastoral care program it is compulsory for all students to attend. There will not be an alternate program offered at the College for these three days. ~~If there are special circumstances, however, where your child/children cannot attend the camp, could you please advise the College or contact the Year 8 Coordinator as soon as possible.~~

**The total cost for each student will be \$130.00, for transport, camping fees and food for selected meals.** Payment for the camp is required by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**. Families of Year 8 students are asked to use the Parent Lounge link <https://620mce.rok.catholic.edu.au/parentlounge> or access the Parent Lounge link through the College website [www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au](http://www.maristcollegeemerald.com.au) in order 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.

For families who do not have computer/internet access to give permission and check medical details for the excursion, 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: **Smith&camp**. Marist College banking details are: **BSB: 034 210** and the **account number: 124 023**. Should you have any questions in regards to this process or if there are any families that may have difficulty in making the payment by the due date, please contact Mrs Connie Iddles in the Administration Office either by phone or email to organise an alternative payment arrangement.

Students will work in groups of four/five and will need to organise camping equipment amongst themselves and to bring non-perishable food for selected meals. Information on what students need to bring, organisation of groups and general camping expectations will be organised at school. The College will provide water/juice, snacks, first aid equipment and some lunches and dinners. However, to encourage independence there are some meals that students will cook themselves. See the list attached for which meals the students will need to provide.

If there are any adventurous parents who would like to join us, be part of the camp and assist in supervision, please do not hesitate to contact the College. We would greatly appreciate your time and support.

**Please return the permission form by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Any new medical information or medication required whilst away also needs to be completed and returned by this date (see consent page).**

If you have any queries regarding the camp, please contact me at the College on 4982 3400 or by email at [Denys\\_Legge@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Denys_Legge@rok.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you

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## ESSENTIAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Students will depart Marist College at 9.15am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.

Please arrive at school by 8.40am.

**No food/drinks (except water) allowed on buses.**

Area	Item	Comment
<b>Clothing</b> (enough for 3 days)	Wide-brimmed hat	Essential
	Shorts/shirts	Shirts must have sleeves and collars
	Underclothing	
	Sleepwear	PJ's or tracksuit
	Jeans/jumpers	Nights may be cool/cold
	Socks	
	Swim wear	
	Towels	2 may be required (swimming and showers)
	Shoes (closed in)	2 pairs
<b>Sleeping</b>	Tent (1 per group)	Tent groups as arranged
	Sleeping bag	
	Mattress (optional)	Blow-up or self-inflating (No swags)
	Pillow and pillow case	
<b>Toiletries</b>	Toiletries bag	Soap, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant (no aerosols), hairbrush
	Medicines	Required Personal Medications only
<b>Food</b>	Lunch – first day	On arrival at Carnarvon Gorge
	Non perishable food for 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner	(eg. Tins of spaghetti/baked beans, pancake mix, cereal, muesli bars) <b>Milk and sugar will be provided by the College</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Sunscreen	Essential
	Insect repellent	Essential
	Torch	Small (recommended)
	Cameras	Disposable (recommended)
	Backpack	Essential - to carry own lunches and water
	<b>Named</b> cutlery, bowl, cup, plate, tea towel	Essential (plastic)
	Water bottle	Essential
<b>What not to bring</b>	Expensive clothes	
	Electrical items	CD's, iPods, radios, mobile phones <i>(Note: no mobile phone coverage at Carnarvon Gorge)</i>
	Valuables	Money, jewellery, etc
	Anything dangerous	Lighters, matches, etc
	Prohibited substances (alcohol, cigarettes, etc.)	Will result in immediate expulsion from camp

Students will depart Carnarvon Gorge at 10:30am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and will arrive back at Marist College at 2.30pm.

Camp phone numbers: Park Ranger – 4984 4505, Takarakka Bush Resort – 4984 8484  
In emergencies please make contact via the College.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED, INCLUDING TOWELS AND CLOTHING**

## Consent Statement by Parent/Guardian

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Year 8 camp between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March which has been arranged by Marist College Emerald and I hereby give my permission for him/her to use such known forms of transport as may be deemed necessary.

I understand that my son/daughter may be involved in activities whilst on camp, including bushwalking, swimming in creeks, camp set-up and miscellaneous games. Other physical activities will involve hiking through the gorge, walking through rainforest, crossing rocky creeks and climbing steep bluffs.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Non - Consent Statement by Parent/Guardian

I hereby **do not** give my consent for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Year 8 camp between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March which has been arranged by Marist College Emerald. I understand that this is the curriculum for the set period and that my child is expected to attend the camp.

The reason for my child's absence is listed below.

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## New or Additional Medical Information

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

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