Dear Families,

This coming Monday (31/10/11) we will commence the Southport preparation camp. The Camp will run from Monday morning (8.30am) until Thursday evening (3/11/11). This camp will largely be preparation for the Island Challenge expedition and team building activities. The itinerary and gear list is attached to this letter. All boys will require a bike, helmet and sturdy walking shoes as well as the items mentioned. Bikes can be borrowed if requested prior to the camp.

Whilst on camp, the boys will prepare for a major expedition back to Hutchins. This will involve an overnight mini-survival camp, sea-kayaking, fishing, snorkelling and a substantial bike ride on Wednesday, followed by a long bushwalk on Thursday. The boys will be supervised by staff and relevant safety procedures put in place. The bike ride will have a support vehicle with warning sign and hazard signals and boys will have high-vis, reflective vests. A detailed itinerary will accompany the gear list. Also required is an updated and signed Medical form (attached).

We also have a special evening event on this Thursday night (27/10/11). This will be based around the boys exploring issues around growing up, manhood and what it takes to be a ‘good man’. We would like to invite dads/ male mentors for this session. Alternatively, boys may choose one of our staff as their mentor for this session or come alone.

The Thursday evening session will be based on group work for mentors/dads and boys. The session will begin at 7.30pm and should be finished by 9.00pm.

I appreciate that it may not be possible for all boys/dads to coordinate this at short notice and encourage you to let me know if you have specific problems that we may be able to help with.

Please contact Ken Kingston on 0429 442 007 or Peter Brown on 0410 606 900 if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

Student’s name: ________________________________

Has permission to be involved in the Southport Camp (31/10/11- 3/11/11). He will be joined by

____________________________ for the Thursday evening session.

Parent/carer’s name: ____________________________Signature: ____________________________