Dear Families,

This coming Monday (29/10/12) we will commence the Southport preparation camp. The Camp will run from Monday morning (8.30am) until Thursday evening (1/11/12). This camp will largely be preparation for the Island Challenge Expedition and team building activities. The itinerary and gear list are attached to this letter.

Boys are asked to bring lunch for Monday. All other food will be supplied.

We specifically require that boys DO NOT bring any other food on the camp; we have potentially life threatening food allergies amongst members of this class group. Your adherence to this is appreciated.

Whilst on camp, the boys will prepare for a major expedition back to Hutchins. This will involve a substantial bike ride and sea kayak leg on Wednesday, followed by a long bushwalk on Thursday. These challenges will be supervised by Hutchins P9 and Outdoor Education staff.

We look forward to seeing you, and your immediate families, if possible, for our welcome home barbecue on Thursday evening.

The bike riders will be accompanied by a support vehicle with warning signs and all riders must wear high visibility, reflective tops. The kayakers will have all marine safety equipment plus a support vehicle on shore.

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

Please Return ASAP

Student’s name: ________________________________

Has permission to be involved in the Southport Camp Challenge as outlined in accompanying information. I will ensure that my son brings the necessary equipment as outlined on the equipment list.

Parent/carer’s name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________
Southport Challenge Itinerary – Island Challenge

Monday
8.30am – Pack buses/vans and depart school (Marieville Esplanade)
11.30am – Arrive Southport, unpack, lunch (bring your own)
1.30pm – Team briefing
4.30pm – Small group activities/shelter building
8.00pm – Expedition skills

Tuesday
8.30am – Morning activities (cooking/kayaking/surfing/snorkelling)
12.30pm – Lunch
1.30pm – Afternoon activities (cooking/kayaking/surfing/snorkelling)
5.30pm – Dinner
7.00pm – Bike/kayak challenge briefing

Wednesday
7.00am – Breakfast
7.30am – Bike ride/kayak to Port Huon (see map attached)
Half group kayak to Roaring Beach/half group ride to Roaring Beach
SWAP groups, half kayak and half ride to Port Huon
5.00pm – Camp and dinner at Shipwrights Point Camp Ground, Port Huon

Thursday
6.00am – Breakfast and pack up
7.30am – Bus to start of walk
8.00am – Start Day Walk – Mountain River to Marieville Esplanade- weather dependent
(alternative route if weather is extreme)
Late afternoon/early evening – Finish with family BBQ at Marieville Esplanade (approx. 7.30pm)
Bike Ride Route in yellow/lighter colour/ Kayak route in marked in red/darker colour
From Southport Camp - Old Hastings Road to Strathblane -to Dover- Old Coast Road to Roaring Beach (SWAP ZONE) - Surges Bay - Scotts Road - Port Huon

Walk Route
Mountain River - Trestle Mountain - Mount Connection - Wellington Park – Ferntree - Sandy Bay - Marieville
# Southport Challenge – Training Camp Equipment List

## FOOTWEAR:
- Sturdy walking boots/shoes
  - (solid sandshoes are fine, no Volleys, skate shoes etc.)
- Sandshoes (if not included in the above)
- Sandals (optional)

## BEDDING:
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping mat – (foam or inflatable)
- Sleeping bag liner (optional)

## WET WEATHER GEAR:
- Raincoat
- Over-pants (recommended)

## CLOTHING:
- Underwear x 3
- Socks x 3 pairs
- Shorts x 2
- T-shirts x 2
- Thermal tights and t-shirt
- Beanie
- Polar fleece jacket or similar
- Warm gloves (wool or polar fleece)
- Trousers x 2 (NO COTTON; i.e. jeans)
- Warm jumpers x 2

## TOILETRIES:
- toothbrush, toothpaste
- Towel
- Personal medication

## EATING UTENSILS:
- Plate, cup, bowl, cutlery, tea towel (named)

## OTHER:
- Day Pack
- Water Bottle
- Head torch or torch
- Camera (optional)

## KAYAK/BIKE:
- Bathers/boardshorts, reef shoes or booties (optional). Bike Helmet.

## GENERAL:
- All luggage should be marked/named. Every effort will be made to locate lost gear but no responsibility will be accepted

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL DEVICES OR MOBILE PHONES**