Power of 9 Southport Camp

29/02/2012

Dear Families,

This coming Monday (5/3/12) we will commence the Southport preparation camp. The Camp will run from Monday morning (8.30am) until Thursday evening (8/3/12). This camp will largely be preparation for the Central Australia expedition and team building activities. The itinerary and gear list are attached to this letter. In addition to the gear listed, boys will require a bike and helmet. Please let us know if this is not possible and we will arrange for them to use a school bike.

Whilst on camp, the boys will prepare for a major expedition back to Hutchins. This will involve a substantial bike ride on Wednesday, followed by a long bushwalk on Thursday. A detailed itinerary will accompany the gear list.

We also have a special evening event on this Thursday night (1/3/12). 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.

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 could help with.

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

Kind regards,

[signature]

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

Please Return ASAP

Student’s name: ____________________________________________

Has permission to be involved in the Southport Camp and will be joined by ____________________________
For the Thursday evening session.

Parent/carer’s name: __________________________Signature: __________________________
Southport Challenge Itinerary – Port Davey Challenge

**Monday**
8.30am – Pack buses/vans and depart school (Marieville Esplanade)
11.00am – Arrive Southport, unpack, prepare lunch
1.30pm – Team briefing
4.30pm – Tent/camp/cooking
8.00pm – Expedition skills

**Tuesday**
8.00am – Return to Southport Camp
10.30am – Morning activities (kayaking/abseiling/snorkelling)
12.30pm – Lunch
1.30pm – Afternoon activities (kayaking/abseiling/snorkelling)
5.30pm – Dinner
7.00pm – Bike challenge briefing

**Wednesday**
7.00am – Breakfast
7.30am – Bike ride to Port Huon (see map attached)
ALL DAY BIKE EXPEDITION – mostly on minor back roads
5.00pm – Camp and dinner at Shipwright 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
Late afternoon/early evening – Finish with family BBQ at Marieville Esplanade
Bike Ride Route (in lighter colour)
From Southport Camp- Old Hastings Road to Strathblane- To Dover- Old Coast Road to Surges Bay- Scotts Road- Port Huon.

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

FOOTWEAR:  
- Sturdy Boots (Gaiters optional)  
- Sandshoes  
- Sandals/wetsuit booties

BEDDING:  
- Sleeping bag  
- Sleeping mat – (school can supply)

WET WEATHER GEAR:  
- Raincoat- long waterproof bush walking style  
- Overpants (optional)

SUNCARE:  
- Hat with wide brim, sun cream, sun glasses

CLOTHING:  
- Shorts x 2, T-shirts x 2  
- Trousers x 1, shorts x 2  
- Warm jumper/fleece  
- Socks x 3 pairs  
- Thermals

SWIMMING GEAR:  
- Bathers, towel,  
- Wetsuit (Kayaking, snorkeling, fishing and swimming – school can supply some)

TOILETRIES:  
- Toothbrush, toothpaste  
- Towel

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

OTHER:  
- Daypack & Main pack (the pack you will be taking to Port Davey)  
- Water Bottle/s (2lt)  
- Head Torch  
- Camera (optional)  
- Tent (if you have one you will be taking to Port Davey)

GENERAL:  
- All luggage should be marked clearly and tags firmly attached. Every effort will be made to locate lost gear but no responsibility will be accepted. Name all gear and clothes.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES/ MOBILE PHONES