Power of 9 Southport Camp

29/05/2014

Dear Families,

This coming Tuesday (3/6/13) we will commence the Southport preparation camp. The Camp will run from Monday morning (8.30am) until Friday evening (6/6/13). This camp will largely be preparation for the Global Challenge expedition and team building activities. The outline and gear list is attached to this letter. All boys will require a bike, helmet and sturdy walking shoes as minimum.

Whilst on camp, the boys will prepare for a major expedition back to Hutchins. This will involve a substantial bike ride on Thursday, followed by a long bushwalk on Friday. A detailed itinerary of these 2 days will accompany the gear list.

We also have a special evening event on this Thursday night (29/05/2014). 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 mentors/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 Robbie Tuck on 0407403832 or Todd Blackhall on 0409239475 if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Ken Kingston
Year 9 Coordinator

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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
Normal School Day

Tuesday
Pack and make our way down to Southport.

Wednesday
Challenge activities, Day 2*

Thursday
6.30am – Breakfast
8.00am – 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

Friday
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
Finish time TBA check Facebook/email during day (approx. 8pm)

Notes:
*Challenge activities will include water-based activities, biking, caving, rope-work and various physically challenging tasks which will be fully supervised, with safety gear supplied. All activities will be weather dependent.
** The route of the walk may change if weather conditions on Mount wellington are too dangerous.
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
- Over-pants (optional)

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

CLOTHING:  
- Shorts x 2
- T-shirts x 2
- Trousers x 1
- 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:  
- Bike & Helmet
- Daypack
- Water Bottle/s (2lt)
- Head Torch
- Camera (optional)
- 2x blue/black pens

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