Dear Parents

YEAR 10 SEA KAYAKING CAMP

As part of The Peninsula School’s Outdoor Education program your son/daughter has chosen to attend a four day sea kayaking camp on the Gippsland Lakes. Our aim is to provide students with an extended experience in a challenging environment and to further develop the skills associated with camping and sea kayaking.

Adventure Plus Outdoor Education will facilitate the sea kayaking journey. Both paddle groups will begin their expedition with a sea kayaking familiarisation lesson at Paynesville before travelling to Bunga Arm, Rotomah Island, Emu Bight, Raymond Island and the Banksia Peninsula over the course of the week. Each group will be self-sufficient for the week and will carry all equipment aboard their sea kayaks. The cost of the trip is $550.

The following information should be read carefully with your son/daughter. It is very important that both of you understand the information contained in this letter and that the attached forms are acknowledged via CareMonkey by Friday 11 March.

ITINERARY: MONDAY 21 MARCH – THURSDAY 24 March

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<th>Monday</th>
<th>Depart The Peninsula School at 7:00am</th>
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<td>Travel to Paynesville. Meet staff from Adventure Plus Outdoor Education.</td>
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<td>Formal introduction and familiarisation lesson.</td>
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<td>Paddle to Rotomah Island. Camp at Rotomah Island campsite.</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Pack up campsite. Paddle to Emu Bight. Camp at Emu Bight campsite.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Pack up campsite. Paddle to Raymond Island. Camp at Raymond Island campsite.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Pack up campsite. Paddle from Raymond Island to Paynesville. Clean and pack equipment onto bus. Lunch and debrief with Adventure Plus staff. Depart for TPS at 12.30pm. Arrive at TPS approx. 4.30pm.</td>
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This expedition requires a high degree of personal planning from each student;

- Equipment and suggested food lists are enclosed.
- It is vital that all items on the equipment list are taken.
- Students are required to plan a specific menu and to provide their own food for the duration of the trip.
- There will be no chance to purchase additional food during the week.
- All cooking will be done on Trangia stoves as no fires are permitted.
The Peninsula School and Adventure Plus will provide all specialist camping equipment for this camp.
Where practical, students may use their own personal camping equipment but it must first be checked by The Peninsula School’s Outdoor Education staff.

Parents need to read and understand the following points;
• These expeditions are a compulsory part of the Year 10 curriculum at the school.
• A great deal of pre-planning is undertaken including substantial deposits paid to the various companies and/or organisations assisting with the various trips. If your son/daughter is unable to attend a trip due to ill health, please supply a medical certificate so that, if possible, a partial refund can be organised.
• It is important to realise that outdoor activities involve potential risks, however, using trained and qualified staff to run these activities minimises those risks.
• Every effort will be made to prevent exposure of students to situations that will compromise their safety.

To ensure the welfare and safety of students and staff, rules and guidelines have to be applied during the week-long trip;
• Non-cooperation or dangerous behaviour of any description by your son / daughter will result in him/her being removed from the trip at your expense.
• Students using or possessing cigarettes, alcohol or non-prescription drugs will be immediately removed at your expense. Such student action may also incur a further response from the School.
• In the event of injury or illness necessitating evacuation, mutually agreeable arrangements will be made for students to be taken home.

If you have any questions regarding the camp please contact Mr Dan Davies at ddavies@tps.vic.edu.au or 0428 544 471. If you need to contact your son/daughter urgently during the trip please ring The Peninsula School and ask for Mr Keith Thompson on 9788 7777 or 0407-500156.

Yours sincerely

Dan Davies
Director of Outdoor Education