8 March 2016

Dear Parents

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

As part of The Peninsula School's Outdoor Education program your son/daughter has chosen to attend a four day camp at Wilsons Promontory. Our aim is to provide students with an extended experience in challenging and varied terrain and to further develop the skills associated with bushwalking and surfing. 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 appropriate forms are submitted via CareMonkey by Thursday 10 March.

The four day expedition is to Wilsons Promontory National Park. This is a walk through one of Australia's premiere coastal National Parks. It contains pristine beaches, stands of sub-tropical rainforest and superb campsites. The walking tracks visit various picturesque coves and bays along the way including Tidal River, Sealers Cove and Little Waterloo Bay. 'East Coast Surf School' will provide experienced, qualified instructors to introduce students to the sport of surfing. The cost of the trip is $480.

ITINERARY: Monday 21 March – Thursday 24 March

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Depart The Peninsula School at 8:00 am Travel to the Tidal River Ranger’s Station, Wilson’s Promontory. After registering the group’s arrival and driving to Telegraph Saddle students will hike to Sealers Cove. Camp at Sealers Cove camp site.</td>
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<td>Hike from Sealers Cove to Little Waterloo Bay. Camp at Little Waterloo Bay camp site.</td>
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<td>Hike from Little Waterloo Bay to Tidal River. Camp at Tidal River camp site.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Meet surf instructors at ‘5th Ramp’ at 9.00am. Learn to Surf session at Norman Bay. Clean camping equipment, debrief and depart for Mt Eliza at 12.30pm. Return to The Peninsula School by 4.00pm.</td>
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This expedition requires a high degree of personal planning from each student;

- Equipment and suggested food lists are enclosed
- 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 in the National Park
- It is vital that all items on the equipment list are taken
- The Peninsula School will provide all specialist hiking equipment for the 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 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 a partial refund, if possible, 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 do not have any of the required items or are unclear about some of the information provided please contact Mr Dan Davies at ddavies@tps.vic.edu.au for clarification. If you need to contact your son/daughter urgently during the trip please ring the school and ask for Mr Keith Thompson on 9788 7777 or 0407 500156.

Yours sincerely

Dan Davies
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