



YEAR 9 CAMP

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As has become customary all Year 9 students will again in February 2019 travel to the Brookfield Outdoor Education Centre in Wainuiomata to take part in three days of structured outdoor education activities. All students will travel by coach from Onslow College to the camp venue on Wednesday 20th February and return to the school on Friday 22nd February. All students will attend class as normal on Wednesday before leaving from the school grounds. Return will be to Onslow in time to be picked up at 3.30pm on the Friday.

Accommodation will be in tents and the students will carry out a range of adventure based activities in their time at Brookfield OEC. The purpose of the camp is for students to foster and develop effective relationships within their classes, with their peer support leaders and with their teachers. Students will take part in a number of activities, including: raft building, obstacle course, tramping, field games, orienteering, trust and initiative games. Students will also be expected to assist where required with duties such as preparing and cooking meals, doing dishes and tidying the site.

There is a \$60.00 cost for the three days which will cover:

- Transport
- Hire charge for equipment and accommodation at the venue
- Food (meals will be provided each day from evening meal on Day 1 – students are encouraged to take their own healthy snack food to keep them going through the day.)

The majority of the planned activities are in the open and there is the real possibility in a number of them that the students may get wet – either because of the nature of the activity or due to the weather. It is important, therefore, that all students are suitably clothed and equipped. A list of the equipment needed is included and further information will be given by teachers. The expectation is that the camp will go ahead regardless of the weather. In the case of inclement conditions all hazards will be continuously assessed and decisions made adopting a conservative approach to safety.

Students should wear clothing suitable for the activities to be covered and should follow the recommendations contained in the gear list provided. The minimum requirements are:

- A change of clothing in the event of getting wet
- Togs and a towel
- A pair of shoes suitable for walking
- Warm clothing – mid to heavyweight fleece or wool jersey/jacket
- Raincoat or waterproof jacket
- Sun protection – sun block/sunhat/sun glasses – and insect repellent
- Personal medications (antihistamines, prescription meds, inhalers, etc.)

With this note is a Health and Consent Form. Please complete the Permission Slip, which includes payment details, and the Risk Disclosure Form. This will need to be returned to your students AKO teacher no later than Monday 11th February. *Please note – if there is any specific dietary requirements please note this on the form AND email rose.gerven@onslow.school.nz with the details so we are able to make necessary arrangements.* If there are any problems regarding the payment required, or you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the email address shown.

Yours sincerely

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Year 9 Camp Gear List

Along with their own clothes for the period of the camp students will need to bring the following:

✓	Personal
	<i>A packed lunch for the first day</i>
	Sleeping bag and pillow (or pillow case to make a pillow from spare clothing)
	Sleeping mat
	Plate/bowl/cup/cutlery and tea towel/water bottle
	Togs and a towel
	A pair of suitable shoes for walking
	An additional pair of shoes to wear around the campsite as we may get wet
	Socks (more than you think you need)
	A warm hat
	Warm clothing, mid to heavyweight fleece or wool jersey/jacket
	Sun block
	Day pack (small back pack)
	Sunglasses
	Personal toiletries (toothbrush and toothpaste, antiperspirant, etc)
	Personal medications (antihistamines, prescription meds, inhalers, etc)
	Raincoat
	Sunhat
	Own healthy snack food for the period of the camp.
	Insect repellent – especially if insect bites are an issue
	Pen and notebook
	Group
	Tent (3 – 4 person tent max). Students will need to organise themselves into single-sex tent groups of no more than 4. The school has a small number of tents and this will be discussed with students during the first week of school 2019.