

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP



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ANNOUNCEMENT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Parents

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training's Somers School Camp. This year our allotted time is from 4/6/19 until the 12/6/19. It is a nine day commitment and as such I would ask that you **only** fill in the expression of interest form, if children can attend without concerns of sports or family commitments. Sunday is a day when visitors can attend from 12.00 – 2.30pm and again children **must** be able to return to their camp activities willingly after their family leaves.

Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities all run by specialist permanent teaching staff with the assistance of nine local teachers who will accompany the children to and from the camp – (including our own Ms Jenny Smith)

The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Boating, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Challenge Swing and Initiative Activities which require a reasonable level of physical fitness. All children are also required to take part in the following activities: Archery, Art, Drama, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Orienteering, Bike Education, Flying Fox, Bush Dancing, Disco Night, Singing and Diary Writing. Separate boys and girls living arrangements are provided but all activities are done in mixed groups.

The fee for the camp is \$260 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

This is a great camp and provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self esteem, meet and mix with others from our local area, have fun and learn at the same time.

If you would like your Grade 5 child to attend please fill in the expression of interest form below and return it by Monday 4th March 2019 .

Names will be selected at random however consideration of behaviour and social skills must be taken into account.

Note: This camp is not an alternative to the Year 5 camp run by our school, and if lucky enough to be selected to attend Somers then children will be expected to attend the Year 5 camp as well. Also Somers camp is taking part when our Year 5 students are scheduled for the school swimming program so parents may want to take this into consideration. Please note that this camp is being held across the Queen's birthday long weekend. If you have any questions please contact me at school.

Jenny Smith (Year 3 teacher)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

is interested in attending Somers camp from 4/6/2019 to 12/6/2019.

SIGNED(parent): _____