

## FAQs 9@Scotch

### 1. Will it cost me anything additional to the OneFee?

No – students will be asked to bring a packed lunch and recess for the first day, and money to purchase the items they would require for the Outdoor Education Expedition, as they would do currently. There is no surcharge for this program

### 2. Will my child fall behind from missing so much time on campus in one block?

No – Heads of Faculty have been involved in the planning and implementation process of 9@Scotch and have ensured that all core curriculum can be covered, irrespective of the time outside of the classroom. In fact, considering the current 4 night expedition plus the associated training days, the Residential component of the program takes students out of the classroom for a relatively similar number of days to current practice.

### 3. How does ICT fit in?

ICT is an integral part of learning at Scotch and will be incorporated in all parts of the program, except the Residential experience. Students will not take a laptop and will be asked not to bring mobile phones or other forms of technology. We will be encouraging students to communicate with parents through written letters. A phone will, of course, be available for emergency communication.

### 4. How will this program benefit my child's future learning?

The skills and experiences offered throughout this program not only add to the depth of learning opportunities already offered by Scotch, but aim to increase engagement through catering more widely to student interests. This program will not 'replace' another within our current offering and will therefore not impact on subject pathways for students into year 10. In fact, the 'life skills' aspect of the Residential program and reflective assessment practices which will be employed will support students as they embark on their Personal Learning Plan, the first of their SACE subjects, in Year 10.

### 5. What about other disruptions to learning – for example, English excursions - which take my child out of the classroom?

Curriculum would be less impacted by teachers having excursions at designated times throughout the term. All excursions/camps/out of classroom activities would be quarantined to the time that groups are undertaking their Residential program. This would reduce the overall number of interruptions to the teaching and learning program at school.

### 6. What happens with sport?

Students will miss one weekend of scheduled sporting matches. They will return to Scotch by 3:30pm on the final day of the Residential experience, allowing time to rest before Saturday sport. They may be a little tired!

**7. What if my child can't attend their Residential experience due to illness, or they become ill on Kangaroo Island?**

Kangaroo Island has appropriate medical facilities available if your child becomes unwell whilst on camp. All staff have Basic Emergency Life Support or Senior First Aid qualifications. A first aid kit, emergency asthma kit and an emergency Epi-pen will be on hand. All students will be expected to provide their own medication for known conditions, and medical forms will accompany the group at all times on the Island. You would be contacted in case of illness requiring treatment. If your child becomes unwell prior to their Residential experience and can not attend, we would endeavor to negotiate attendance on another camp.

**8. What about clashes with family events?**

There is limited flexibility in swapping students between camps. We would negotiate this on an individual basis, following a written request from the family.

**9. How will my child be cared for?**

All off site activities on Kangaroo Island will be staffed by a Residential Leader, who is a member of Scotch staff, a Scotch teacher and multiple Outdoor Education Service Providers. All supervisors will have appropriate DCSI and Police Checks and will be experienced and trained in working with children.

**10. What is my child allowed/not allowed to take on their residential experience?**

A comprehensive equipment list will be distributed prior to your child's departure. Your child will not be allowed to bring technology (phone, laptop, iPod) or excess funds.

**11. Where will my child be staying?**

For the Residential component of the program in 2016, students will be staying at Kangaroo Island Cabins, 1.8km from Penneshaw, in small, staff assigned groups. They will be responsible for the upkeep of their cabin and will be sharing with 1, 2 or 3 other students. Each cabin has a private bathroom and cooking facilities as well as a small living area. Staff will be residing in separate cabins throughout the cabin park and will be easily accessible to students at all times, regularly patrolling the park at night. Scotch has booked the entire facility for the Residential experiences, further supporting the safety of your children. Students will also spend one or two nights on our Kyre campus. Kyre has male & female toilet and shower facilities and a communal, sheltered learning area. For the Outdoor Education component of the program, students will be staying in their own tents, in small groups. They will be camping in various locations on Kangaroo Island. Exact locations will be determined closer to the event, following comprehensive Risk Assessments of possible sites.