



January 2010

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Year 9 Camp Advance Notice

The camps are to be held in Week 9 of Term 3 (21 – 25 June) at the Red Shield Encounter Bay Centre. Three Home Groups will be on camp together. They will travel to Victor Harbour on one morning, returning to school for a 2.00 pm dismissal the following day.

The camp program will involve a range of outdoor activities including a Granite Island Penguin walk and a visit to Greenhills Adventure Park. In addition the students will continue their induction into the new SACE. Cost will be approximately \$110.00. Further details will be provided during term 2 2010.

Community Service

An aspect of the Community and Service Program at our school involves every student in Year 9 volunteering for one day during the school calendar to work in the school's Student Services Office.

We believe that this one day commitment provides:

- an enhanced appreciation of responsible citizenship beyond the classroom
- first hand experience of activities that benefit others
- an increased sense of responsibility and self esteem
- an opportunity for students to apply their skills and talents beyond the classroom
- reflection on their performance and the benefit of self appraisal.

The student will be expected to work closely with staff in a structured and monitored range of service activities central to the efficient functioning of the Student Services Office. In previous years students have commented favourably on the learning that has taken place and in developing their understanding of how the school works.

As this will occur on only one day of the year, studies will not be significantly affected, however, students are expected to complete class work that may have been missed on the day.

This is an opportunity for our Middle School students to experience community service in a safe and supportive environment and to view first hand the world of work which is valuable part of their learning at school.

We trust that you support this Community and Service initiative which attracts four (4) hours of official Community Service for our students.

Yours sincerely

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