

Proposed Middle Years Camps Program for 2009

The Middle Years Team have again reviewed the camping program for 2009 and have made the following guide available to help you plan. Any concerns please contact Gayle Shelley -Assistant Principal at the school to discuss.

Year 7 – Lake Nilahcootie 2 night Camp 11th Feb – 13th Feb 2009

Despite the success of the Murrindindi Camp this year we are proposing a change for the future. This is due to both the drought conditions at the camp site and the very labour intensive nature of staying in tents and self catering. We would like to keep this camp at a reasonably low cost and have negotiated an overall price of approx. **\$140** per student at the Lake Nilahcootie Camp. This will cater for all year 7 students in cabin accommodation, will be less disruptive for the school overall and meet the aim of being early in the year to help with the transition process.

Year 8 – Phillip Island 2 night Camp 11th- 13th March 2009

In 2008 the Yr 8 Camp to Phillip Island was again a great success and the feedback from students was mostly positive. Although we would like all students to attend previous experience shows that just over half of the students actually go. This camp holds 45 students; with an option for extra in tents should it be necessary. The overall cost will be **\$220**, and this covers a 2 hour surfing lesson, beach activities, swimming and all food. This is the optimum time of year for this camp which aims to introduce outdoor education and beach activities which students may not have experienced before.

Year 9

City Experience 24th – 26th June 2009

We are giving students the option of attending the 3 day City Experience in the last week of term 2, same time as the Yr 10 work experience. Many students are unfamiliar with the city and it is hoped that the camp will improve their knowledge of the city, how to get around and become familiar with sites they have never experienced before. The overall cost is **\$190**.

Bogong Camp 7-11th December 2009

The introduction of the Bogong Camp in 2008 was a great success for the twenty students that attended for 5 days. This outdoor camp is highly subsidised by the department of education and we are lucky to be able to send students. We have been able to find an opening in December and hope students interested in outdoor and physical activities will be able to attend. The overall cost will be **\$240** for 5 days.

Instrumental music Camp 2-3rd March 2009

All students learning a musical instrument and attending band are asked to attend this low cost overnight camp held in Healesville Ferngully Lodge. The overall cost is \$88 for two days.