2018
Mercy Campus
Grampians Camp
Information Session
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ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE PRAYER

Loving God

We pray that St Joseph’s College Mildura will always be a place of learning, discovery and diversity.

Empower us to always strive for success and to respect all members of our College community.

Enable us to fully develop our skills and values so that we may reach our full potential.

Help us to demonstrate our Mercy Values of Spirituality, Excellence, Compassion, Hospitality, Justice, Community and Service.

In all that we do may we follow the example set by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, St Joseph’s College recognises that it is situated on country of which the tribes of the Latje Latje people have been custodians for many centuries and on which they have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region and offer our deep appreciation for their contribution to and support of our academic enterprise.

Together we acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country that we all live in and share together.

St Joseph’s College is committed to improving the educational achievements of Aboriginal students in schools and to enhancing the knowledge and understanding of all students about the history, heritage and cultures of Aboriginal Australians.

We also pay respect to the Elders, past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australia.
A Norval activity facilitator’s mission is to;

- Create a positive, fun and safe learning environment which empowers and enthuses participants.

**St. Josephs College Mission**

- Develop perseverance within the individual
- Promote interdependence amongst peers
- Further develop the SJC community between staff and students
- Foster the student and year level identity
Snapshot

• Dates: Monday May 7th (leaving 8:00am) – Friday May 11th (4:00pm)
• Location: Norval UC Camp, Halls Gap
• Staff: 15 staff members
• Students: 143 students (expectation that all students attend)
• Departure and Arrivals: Mercy Campus Carpark
Purpose for the camp

• The Grampians Camp has been run at St. Joseph’s College for many years.

• It is an opportunity for all students to build better relationships with each other, experience new activities and all also develop new skills.

• The camp also ties in with many of our subject areas taught at school such as P.E., Humanities, Science and R.E.

• The main reason for the camp is to have fun.
Activities

• Students are broken off into small groups to complete activities over the 5 days.

• These activities are;
  • Abseiling
  • Rock Climbing
  • Mountain Biking
  • High Ropes Course
  • Bushwalking (The Pinnacle)
  • Brambuk Cultural Centre
  • Team challenges
Activities

High Ropes, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Team Challenge and Mountain Bike Riding!

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• Aboriginal Art
• Bush Tucker
• Boomerang Throwing
• Cultural Tour and Talk
High Ropes Course

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Rockclimbing / Abseiling
Accommodation

• Students will be staying at Norval UC Camp, Grampians Road, Halls Gap.
• This will be the base for sleeping and eating during the week.
• Students will travel around Grampians (Gariwerd) NP for the activities using Sunraysia Buslink.
Norval Accommodation

Norval – Halls Gap

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Room arrangements

- Students have been given a request form for room mates.
- Students can expect to be in a room with up to 5 others.
- Whilst we can’t promise everyone will be in their requested room, we will endeavor to make sure that at least one request is met.
Behaviour

• Typical school rules will be enforced on camp.
• Students are expected to behave in courteous and careful manner, particularly when in public spaces.
• If behavior is deemed poor enough by supervising teacher, parents will be requested to collect their child from Norval Camp, Halls Gap.
Phone policy

• We understand the want for students to have phones when away from home but also believe they can disrupt the camp.

• Students bring personal devices at their own risk.

• Students will be requested to hand phones in each night before “lights out”.

• Any misuse of phones/ personal devices could contravene the behavior guidelines and result in a request to be collected from the camp site.
Equipment needed

- It can be cold and wet on this trip, so please bring at least the following:
- 2 pairs of footwear (adequate for bush walking and rock climbing)
- 5 – 6 pairs of socks (thick ones are best)
- 3 pairs of trousers or track suit pants
- 3 warm jumpers
- 5 – 6 tops or t-shirts
- Warm coat
- Underwear
- 2 Towels
- Hat and sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Torch
Equipment continued

• **Hiking Clothes**
  - Light, waterproof coat (not a heavy one), shoes (not slippery soles), beanie and gloves, t-shirt in case the weather is fine

• **Backpack**
  - A small backpack is necessary for hiking. It will have to carry a water bottle, clipboard, lunch, waterproofs, camera etc

• **Clipboard, pens and paper**

• **Toiletries**
Price

• This has been paid for in your student fees.
• There will be no refunds as many fees cover the whole year level and have been paid for already.
• Students should only bring $20 maximum as personal spending money. Staff take no responsibility for personal money.
Parent helpers

• We require about 15 staff members/ helpers for this camp.
• As a Mercy Campus staff, there are only 9 staff so we are looking for help.
• If you are interested, please email mparker@sjcmda.vic.edu.au and I will get back to you.
Parent Concerns

• If you feel there is a need to have a specific meeting with your child, please let me know ASAP.

• Activities can be catered/ modified if the right reasons exist.

• We want to ensure that all students engage with the activities planned where possible.
Questions

• Please stay for Tea, Coffee and Supper in the foyer if you have any questions.
• Permission forms have been sent home with students.
• Forms are to be returned by Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} April.
• Return room request forms ASAP.