



# SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP

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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 16/05/2023 until the 24/05/2023. 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 Grade 5 and 6 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 seventeen local teachers who will accompany the children to and from the camp. 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 or 6 child to attend please fill in the expression of interest form below and return it by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

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

If you have any questions please contact me at school.

Brett Gilligan

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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I would like to declare my child \_\_\_\_\_ interest in attending Somers Camp from 16/05/2023 until 24/05/2023.

I understand that signing this form does not ensure my child a position at the camp. I also understand the commitment required of the 9-day camp and have discussed this with my child prior to this form being returned.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_