



SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Colo Outdoor Education Campus

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Outdoor Education Camp at Colo.

The Year 9 Challenge Camp is a demanding and exciting one. Activities include rock climbing, mountain biking, self-reliance in cooking and cleaning, group problem solving initiatives, the adventure ropes course, a canoe journey on the Colo River and an overnight bushwalking expedition. Beyond the obvious physical challenges the boys will be particularly extended in terms of accepting real responsibility and in their personal interactions.

Some reminders:

1. Year Nine students attend in the same class group they share for **Geography/History, Religious Education and PDHPE classes**, e.g. 9 Colo 1 is the same class as 9 Geog 1, 9 RE 1 etc.
2. Please ensure that any medications for day boys are clearly labelled with your son's name, dosage and time taken and ask your son to give them to Colo staff when they arrive. If applicable please also label with any indications for use, or contraindication (when the medication should not be given). Colo staff obtain medications for boarders directly from the Health Centre.
3. The bus departs for Colo at 8.30 am from the Mark Street gates, please be there by 8.10am. Day boys who usually catch a Joey's bus to school will be able to catch this bus as normal.
4. The bus returns from Colo by 3.30 pm on Friday.
5. Please follow the "What to Bring" list carefully. For instance, many boys find it hard to get organized while camping if they have forgotten their torch. Please check with your son to ensure he doesn't bring anything from the "What Not to Bring" list.
6. Copies of the information on Colo sent previously (including the "What to Bring" list and letter to parents) can be obtained from iLearn.
7. In the week following camp a selection of photos and the Colo Bulletin, written by the boys during their camp, will also be available via iLearn.
8. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mark Brackenreg. Phone 4565 9246 (Colo office) or e-mail colo@joeys.org or mbrackenreg@joeys.org

A request:

1. In the past we have had some boys attending the camp who have been feeling slightly unwell at departure time, who have developed more pronounced symptoms over time. Unfortunately the illness has spread to others in the group. In the best interests of all students, including your son, could you please not send him to Colo if he is unwell. Similarly, if your son has an injury and is not cleared to play sport at Joeys, he is quite likely to aggravate his injury at Colo and should not attend camp. I will make every endeavour to assign your son to a camp later in the year. If you are in doubt, please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns.

I am sure your son will enjoy his time at Colo as well as gaining a lot from his experiences if he approaches the various tasks and activities with a positive attitude.

2016 Year 9 Colo camp dates:

Year 9 Colo 1.	22 – 26 February	Term 1, Week 5
Year 9 Colo 2.	14 - 18 March	Term 1, Week 8
Year 9 Colo 3.	2 - 6 May	Term 2, Week 2
Year 9 Colo 4.	16 – 20 May	Term 2, Week 4
Year 9 Colo 5.	25 – 29 July	Term 3, Week 2
Year 9 Colo 6.	17 – 21 October	Term 4, Week 2
Year 9 Colo 7.	31 Oct – 4 Nov	Term 4, Week 4

The optional Father/Son weekend will be held on 17th and 18th September. Information regarding the weekend will be emailed in second term, and also be available via the parent portal <https://parent.joey.org>

Yours Sincerely;



Mark Brackenreg
Director, SJC Colo Outdoor Education Campus