



Outdoor Education Camp at Colo.

Your son will soon be attending his Outdoor Education camp at Colo. Camp dates are on the following page. The camp is especially important for Year 7's and provides a wonderful opportunity for the boys to get to know one another at a different level, extend their friendship network and to bond as a group, as well as providing the foundation for their future outdoor education experiences.

Boys attend in class groups and Colo camp groups are arranged on the same line as Technology, Languages, Music and Visual Arts for example 7 Colo 5 is the same as 7 Music 5, 7 TAS 5, etc.

The Outdoor Education program at Colo includes bushwalking, orienteering, group problem solving activities, life skills, adventure ropes course, mountain biking and an overnight expedition. Rest assured that Colo staff are very experienced and that Colo has an outstanding safety record. In particular we monitor the weather very closely and in the event of severe weather events or total fire bans the program will be modified as needed to suit local weather conditions. The current forecast at this stage is quite favourable and a welcome relief from the recent heat wave conditions at Colo.

Some reminders:

1. 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.
2. The bus departs for Colo at 8.40 am from the Mark Street gates, please be there by 8.15 am. Day boys who usually catch a Joey's bus to school will be able to catch this bus as normal.
3. The bus returns by 3.30 pm, in time for any normal after school commitments, so boys may need to also pack their sports uniform.
4. The camp starts with a bushwalk to the Outdoor Education Centre. Boys will not have access to the luggage trailer and need to embark onto the bus dressed appropriately for bush walking, including sensible footwear and sunhat. The boys will be issued with raincoats, daypacks and water bottles at the start point of the walk.
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 mailed to you with the enrolment package (including the "What to Bring" list and Colo letter to parents) are available on iLearn.
7. In the week following camp the Colo bulletin, written by the boys during their camp, will be emailed to you, and will also be available 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 their Colo camp who have been feeling slightly unwell at the time of departure and have developed more pronounced symptoms during the camp. Unfortunately the illness has spread to others in the group. In the best interests of all students,

including your son, please do 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 arrange for your son to attend a camp later in the year. If you are in doubt, please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns.

Camp dates for 2017

Year 7 Colo Camp 1.	20 – 23 Feb	Term 1, Week 4
Year 7 Colo Camp 2.	14 – 17 March (Tues-Fri)	Term 1, Week 7
Year 7 Colo Camp 3.	22 -25 May	Term 2, Week 4
Year 7 Colo Camp 4.	5 – 8 June	Term 2, Week 6
Year 7 Colo Camp 5.	31 July - 3 Aug	Term 3, Week 3
Year 7 Colo Camp 6.	28 - 31 Aug	Term 3, Week 7
Year 7 Colo Camp 7.	13 - 16 Nov	Term 4, Week 6

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

Yours Sincerely;



Mark Brackenreg
Director, SJC Colo Outdoor Education Campus