

Tēnā koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Preparations are well underway for our 2022 School Camp at Finlay Park.

This will be a major highlight for the year and will provide students with rich learning outside the classroom experiences. Students will be pushed outside their comfort zones, develop confidence and resilience, and strengthen class bonds with their peers and teachers. Although this is the same venue as last year, there will be new activities as well as the favourites, and Year 8 students will still have a unique experience.

### Dates

<b>Camp 1</b>	<b>Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 April</b>	<b>Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 22</b>
<b>Camp 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 - Friday 8 April</b>	<b>Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18</b>
<b>Camp 3</b>	<b>Friday 8 - Sunday 10 April</b>	<b>Rooms 19, 20, 21</b>

If your child is part of Camp 3 and will be attending camp over the weekend, they will be arriving back on the afternoon of Sunday 10 April. Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 April will be their weekend/recovery days. However, if you require your child to attend school on these days, there will be arrangements in place for them to be at school.

### Cost

We ask that you complete and return the attached **permission and health forms** by **Friday 11 March**. We would also appreciate payment at your earliest convenience. The full cost is: **\$300.00** with the first deposit of **\$150.00 due Friday 11 March** and the remaining **\$150.00 due Friday 25 March**.

As a school we strive for all students to have the opportunity to attend camp and understand the financial burden can be a limiting factor. If this is the case and you would like financial assistance, please contact Joel King (Deputy Principal [joelk@ni.school.nz](mailto:joelk@ni.school.nz)) or Amanda Keppel (Student Services Coordinator [amandak@ni.school.nz](mailto:amandak@ni.school.nz)) as soon as possible.

Please visit our website or click on the link below to view the school's Camp Refund Policy.

<https://northcoteint.school.nz/camp/>

### Covid-19

Due to the amendments made to the Covid-19 public health response order 2021, schools are still able to participate and attend school camps.

These Amendments mean:

- The current school settings and restrictions apply when a school is part of Finlay Park's EOTC experience
- Finlay Park does not require a MyCovid pass for students participating. Only adults attending must have a valid MyCovid pass
- Regardless of which Covid-19 Response phase we are in, a school camp (specified EOTC event) may operate without a fixed limit on participant numbers

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the health and safety of your child there is a link below to the Finlay Park Covid Response Plan which you can read, or please contact Joel King ([joelk@ni.school.nz](mailto:joelk@ni.school.nz)).

<https://www.finlaypark.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Revised-covid-plan-2022-5.pdf>

### Parent Help

To ensure we meet the appropriate health and safety requirements to attend camp, as a school we rely on our parent helpers. Without them we would not be able to offer this awesome opportunity to our students. If you are a parent helper there will be no costs associated. Meals, transport and accommodation will be provided. All parent helpers are required to be police vetted and have a MyCovid Vaccine Pass.

If you would like to be a part of our camp and be a parent helper, please register your interest with your child's classroom teacher.

### **Gear**

A list of the required gear is attached to this letter. Some of the most **important** items include a hat and a thoroughly waterproof mid length raincoat. A spring suit or wetsuit would also be beneficial but is not compulsory. Students are not permitted to bring lollies to camp, and prohibited items at school are still prohibited at camp; that includes **aerosol cans**.

### **Dietary requirements**

If your child **cannot** eat some foods for **health** or **religious** reasons, please contact Amanda Keppel our Student Services Coordinator via email ([amandak@ni.school.nz](mailto:amandak@ni.school.nz)) providing specific details. This communication will need to be received by **Friday 11 March** in order for us to cater for special requirements as we will be confirming catering soon after this date. We do emphasise that this is for allergies and religious reasons only, not preferences as there will be extra costs for individuals with specific dietary requirements.

### **Expectations**

Sensible behaviour at Camp is obviously extremely important. Any behaviour that the Camp Administration, or our school staff, considers unacceptable will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. The parents, or the emergency contact of the child concerned, will be called and asked to collect him/her, immediately
2. If neither of the first two contacts called are able to make arrangements to collect the child, arrangements will be made to return the child home and the parents charged expenses

### **Information / Parent Helpers Meeting for Camp 2022**

In the past a Camp Information Evening and Parent Help Meeting were held at school prior to the camp. Given the current covid climate and health and safety restrictions for schools around mass gatherings inside, this will not be possible. However, a live Zoom session will be held which will include presenting an information video to all families and students, that will cover all important information. The information video will also be posted on the school website and the link will be sent out via email and the school app.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Ngā mihi,

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