



3rd May 2017

Somers Camp 2017

Dear parents,

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education Somers School Camp. This year, schools in our district have been allocated the dates of 7th November – 15th November 2017.

The camp requires a nine-day commitment and, as such, we would ask that you **only** fill in the expression of interest form if your child is prepared to attend for the full nine-days. The camp runs during the school week and includes one weekend. The Sunday of the camp 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. At this stage, we anticipate approximately 16 students from Killara will be selected, however it may be more or less dependant on the amount of interest in the district.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities - all run by specialist permanent teaching staff. The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include high and low ropes courses, boating, rock climbing, abseiling, challenge swing and initiative activities. Other activities include: archery, art, drama, environmental studies, bush cooking, orienteering, bike education, flying fox, bush dancing, disco night, singing and diary writing.

At Somers Camp, there are separate boys and girls living arrangements. All activities are carried out in mixed groups.

The fee for this camp is \$250 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

If you are eligible to obtain and have applied for the CSEF payment, the money received from this can offset some of the fee for this camp. If you require more information about this payment, please visit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx>

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 to the school by Monday 15th May 2017. A ballot system will operate if we have more than our allocated number express interest.

No payment is required at this stage and more information will be provided if your child is selected.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 9744 6432 or alternatively by email – hurley.katelyn.L@edumail.vic.gov.au

Katelyn Hurley & 5/6 Team

Phil Clinkaberry (Principal)

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Expression of interest for 7th November – 15th November 2017

Name: _____

Room: _____

Signed: _____