

**Friday 8 July to Sunday 17 July 2022**

Please read this booklet with your parents and contact. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct questions to

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**What to do BEFORE we leave for camp:**

* Return your MEDICAL AND CONSENT FORM to your campus office NO LATER than **Friday 13 May.**

**What to do on Friday July 18 (departure):**

* Meet on the BASKETBALL COURTS at the front of MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS at **5.15am sharp!!** – It will be dark, bring a torch :)
* BRING YOUR LUNCH (including drinks and snacks) and pack it in a small backpack to take on the bus, NOT in your luggage. YOUR HAT MUST BE PACKED IN YOUR BACKPACK, this will be checked before you board the coach.
* Report all MEDICATIONS to Mr Robert Horwill with your NAME and DOSAGE clearly labelled. Please note that all medication must remain in the original packaging.

**What to do for Sun 17 July (return):**

* -arrange for someone to pick you up at Mooroolbark Campus when we get home at approximately 5:00pm. **Please note that arrival time could be significantly earlier or later depending on traffic.** We will use Compass and/or Social Media to notify families of expected times.

**CAMP INFORMATION**

The Central Australia Tour will enable students to participate in an activity based educational program that provides learning opportunities and experiences that cannot be incorporated as part of the normal school-based curriculum. Students will gain an increased awareness of First Nations cultures, an enhanced appreciation of our natural environment and gain insight into our heritage as a nation. Students will travel by coach to Alice Springs, stopping at Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Alice Springs, Kings Canyon and Uluru, before departing for the overnight drive back to school.

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# **Camp Expectations**

As senior members of the college, students attending the camp are expected to;

1. Comply with the College’s Code of Conduct
2. Follow staff instructions
3. Act in a safe and responsible manner
4. Take care of camp equipment. Damage to equipment will incur additional costs
5. Be responsible with attire choices as per weather conditions (please see notes around shoes, sun-smart and cold weather clothing)
6. Volunteer for duties throughout the camp
7. Follow packing instructions
8. Keep general and accommodation areas tidy
9. Report any issues to members of the staff
10. Take responsibility for tents throughout the trip, helping to set up others when required. Students may not enter the tents of others.

**IN THE EVENT OF ILLNESS OR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR:**

Parents are reminded that students who become ill, behave dangerously or in a repeatedly unacceptable manner, will be sent home at parent’s expense. Please ensure that you are contactable in case of such an event to arrange your child’s transport.

**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose serious challenges to planning events such as our 2022 Central Australia Camp. This camp has been planned to minimise, to the best of our planning, the risk of transmission of COVID-19. To do so, students must adhere to the following precautions:

* Administer a Rapid-Antigen Test (RAT) 4 days and 2 days prior to departure. Students will be asked to declare a negative result prior to departure.
* Where possible, maintain physical distancing.
* Use good hand hygiene
* Not share food
* Maintain the same tent partner for the duration of the trip

Outdoor activities have been prioritised for this camp, however, a significant period of time is spent in transit on a coach. Window ventilation will be used where possible.

**Important notes on packing**

1. **Packing List** - Please pack using the packing list provided. Most items listed are essential and there will not be opportunities to purchase forgotten items (with the exception of time at Alice Springs) during the camp. Please make sure all gear, clothing and accessories are **clearly labelled**.
2. **Packing Space -** There is limited cargo space on the bus and therefore the packing guidelines below must be followed.
3. **Weather -** As a guide for Yalara (Uluru), the average weather for June/July is a maximum of 20.5 degrees, with overnight minimum temperatures of 3 degrees. However, this can change, with warm days and very cold nights. Although it is not the wet season, rain can occur.
4. **Luggage -** You will require 2 bags, one large bag for the bulk of your gear and one small backpack (daypack).
Large bag - should be soft sided eg sports bag (no suitcases). This bag will also have to fit your sleeping bag inside of it. It will be stowed under the bus at the beginning of each day. You can bring a pillow which will be carried on the coach with you.
Small back pack - will be needed to keep your daily personal items together. This will travel with you in the coach and must be suitable for walks, allowing hands-free walking and allowing students to carry food/snacks, water and their camera.
5. **Camera/Phone -** Please be aware that access to power will be very limited in some locations throughout the trip, especially at Coober Pedy and Kings Canyon. Students relying only on their phone to take photos should think about Power bank options or bring a camera that has a longer charge. Any valuables that you choose to bring on camp will be done so at your own risk, the College will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any items such as mobile phones, headphones, cameras etc.
6. **Spending Money –** During camp there are a number of (5) non-catered meals during long journey travel days. Students will need to bring spending money to cover the cost of these meals. Students are welcome to ‘bank’ money with YHSC staff in a labelled envelope if they are not confident in their budgeting ability. YHSC staff will endeavour to provide low-cost food stops such as supermarkets, roadhouses and bakeries. Please remember our journey covers significant distances, and locations in Outback Australia can be limited
Non Catered meals include,

Day 1 – Breakfast, Lunch
Day 9 – Dinner
Day 10 – Breakfast, Lunch

Students may also like to bring additional spending money for the purchase of souvenirs, snacks or other miscellaneous items. Opportunities to purchase snacks or souvenirs include locations at Port Augusta (Day 2), Alice Springs (Day 5) and Yulara (Day 9).

1. **Supplied equipment -** Tents will be provided by the tour company.

**Student Equipment & Clothing List**

 **THINGS TO BRING:** (TICK ITEMS OFF AS YOU PACK THEM)

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| **LUGGAGE**❑ 1 large, named, soft bag **(no suitcases)** ❑ 1 small backpack **CLOTHING** ❑ sun smart hat  ❑ long sleeve collared shirt for sun protection  ❑ 5 shirts/t-shirts **(no singlets)** ❑ 3 pairs of shorts ❑ 2 thick jumpers/windcheaters ❑ 1 waterproof raincoat with a hood ❑ 2 pair of full length pants❑ 5 pairs of socks, thick and thin ❑ 5 pairs of underwear ❑ pyjamas❑ bathers ❑ shirt to wear in water ❑ thermal base layers ❑ beanie **FOOTWEAR**❑ 1 pair of lace up supportive footwear suitable for hiking.❑ 1 pair of casual shoes for camp/bus travel❑ 1 pair flip flops/ sandals for showering   | **TOILETRIES** ❑ soap & container❑ personal hand sanitiser ❑ sunscreen❑ insect repellent (roll on only)❑ toothbrush & toothpaste❑ shampoo/conditioner❑ face washer❑ 1 beach towel❑ deodorant (roll on only) ❑ personal sanitary items **Mealtimes**❑ draw string bag❑ knife, fork and spoon **(named)**❑plate bowl and cup – all unbreakable ❑ 2 tea towels  |
| **BEDDING**❑ sleeping bag suitable for cold night ❑ pillow and pillow Case ❑ camp mattress/bedroll (no swags or large mattresses allowed due to limited bus space. |
| Description: j0232986Description: j0232986  | **OTHER:** ❑ 2 one litre drink bottles ❑ torch with spare batteries (head torch recommended)❑ 2 garbage bags (for wet/dirty clothing) ❑hair ties ❑camera (optional) ❑sunglasses ❑ washing powder & clothes pegs ❑ student booklet  |

 **ITINERARY**

Other locations to visit may include (pending time)

* Stanley Chasm
* Simpson’s Gap

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*Please be aware that some ‘downtime’ will occur at the Kings Creek Station. Students should remember to pack card games and other activities not reliant on power, as access to electricity is limited.*

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*Please be aware we will organise a group dinner on this evening at Coober Pedy. Students should budget for $10*

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| **PARENT INFORMATION SHEET****Parent/Guardians please separate this page from the booklet and retain for your reference.** |
| **Date of Excursion** | Friday 8/7/22 – Sunday 17/7/22 | **Locations:** Kata Tjuta National Park, Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs**.** |
| **Beginning:** | Mooroolbark Campus 5:15am  | **Return:** | Mooroolbark Campus 5:00pm  |
| **Emergency Contact** | **Camp Emergency Contact Number:** 0459 862 964The teacher in charge will have a school mobile phone, charged and turned on at all times, however the mobile network will not always be reliable. In the event of an urgent family or personal matter, parents should call the emergency contact number and leave a message if there is no response. **Accommodation contacts**The numbers below have been provided as a courtesy to parents. These numbers should only be used in the event of an urgent family or personal matter. When/if calling these numbers, parents should first request speak to Yarra Hills SC staff (not the student). **Adelaide Shores Caravan Park:** (08) 8355 7320 **Umoona Opal Mine and Accommodation:** (08) 8672 5288 **West MacDonnell Range Holiday Park:** 1800 808 373**Kings Creek Station Camp Ground:** 8956 7474 **Ayers Rock Campground:** 0488 957 7001 **In the event event of a real or perceived incident involving the whole group**The College is anticipating an enjoyable and incident-free trip to Central Australia. However, in the event of a real or perceived incident involving the whole group, parents will be contacted by member of the College with full details of the incident when these become available. Parents/guardians should ensure their telephone number and email address listed on Compass is current and correct for this purpose. If an incident occurs, parents are asked not to try and contact the teachers on tour. It will not be possible for these teachers to reply to individual enquiries regarding an emergency situation, as any emergency phone numbers must be kept clear for other communications. |
| **Please Note:*** Any queries or concerns leading up to camp should be directed to Brenton Millott or Robert HorwillPhone: 03 9839 8800
* Students will have the opportunity to contact home at various points, however in some locations particularly Kings Canyon and Coober Pedy, this may not be possible.
* Should your child show symptoms of gastrointestinal illness, such as vomiting or diarrhoea within 48 hours of camp, it is asked that they not attend. This is due to the extremely contagious nature and severity of viral gastroenteritis and the high risk it poses while in a camp environment. The health and welfare of all campers is our highest priority.
* Any valuables that students choose to bring on camp will be done so at their own risk, the College will not be responsible for the loss or damage to such items.
* Please make sure all gear, clothing and accessories are clearly labelled. In the event that something goes missing, there’s a higher chance of it being returned if it has a name on it.
* Energy drinks, singlets, aerosol sprays along with any other items prohibited by the college are not to be brought on camp.
* Students withdrawing from camps and excursions may not be entitled to a refund as detailed in the College Camps and Excursions Policy. Parents/ Guardians should obtain a medical certificate when withdrawing the child due to illness or injury.
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