

Dear Parents/Caregivers of 2019 RVS students.

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YEAR 9 CAMP UPDATE— Monday 25th – Thursday 28th February

As part of RVS's Outdoor Education Programme, your son/daughter will spend four days at Whenua Iti, located in the Tasman District.

The course aims to:

- Introduce students to a range of outdoor activities, and safe practices they need to adopt to these activities independently;
- Provide opportunities for enjoyment, adventure and challenge; and
- Increase the students' self-confidence and to develop their social and interpersonal skills in a challenging but supportive environment.

Course information for parents

The cost for the camp will be \$230.00 and will include all activities for the week, transport and food at Whenua Iti. The Board of Trustees will help to subsidise the camp, meaning we are able to offer your child an amazing experience at the lowest price possible.

The School wishes to ensure that no student should miss out on camp due to financial hardship. If payment presents a problem, please get in touch with Mrs Marwick well in advance so that we can discuss the situation and an alternative schedule of payment can be arranged. You can email her or ring her on (03) 578 0626, if you have any questions regarding payment.

Students are advised to bring their morning tea and lunch with them on the first day, as the bus will make a lunch stop en route to Upper Moutere.

Programme Overview

Students will be given instruction in outdoor safety and survival. They will participate in a range of activities which include abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and beach skills at Kaiteriteri. They may learn basic navigation skills, undertake the High Ropes Course and experience various team-building activities during the camp.

All of these activities involve some degree of risk - this is what makes them challenging and educational. The activities are run by qualified, professional outdoor instructors and safety is their prime concern at all times. A full risk management process has been carried out for each activity. The class will be accompanied by Mrs Pigou and Mr Adamson.

Permission and medical forms will be coming home on Friday the 8th and are to be returned no later than the 15th of February.

Yours in Christ

Leah Pigou and Julian Adamson

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