



Yarrilee State School

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Combined Year 5/6 Camp Option for the 28th- 30th August 2017

Dear Parents,

This year both our Year 5 camp to Barambah and our Year 6 Camp to Maranatha had to be cancelled due to insufficient numbers to proceed with the individual bookings.

Both of these camps also coincide this year with the Biannual Canberra trip which is also offered to Year 5 and 6 students.

We understand that school camps do involve significant financial outlay and when scheduled in the same year as the Biannual Canberra trip it increases the financial strain for a number of families.

In looking back over past records of camps scheduled in Canberra Trip years (dating back a number of years) the school has been faced with similar circumstances leading to the cancellation of camps.

To overcome these issues for the future we plan to conduct combined year 5/6 Leadership Camps every second year commencing in 2018 with a Canberra Trip option in alternate years.

Many of our families and children have been left disappointed with the cancellation of the year 5 and 6 camp this year.

We have been in contact with Maranatha Camp yesterday to discuss the option of a special combined Year 5 and 6 camp this year on the 28th- 30th August. The program of activities and challenges would be different to the program that would be offered from 2018 to avoid any doubling up of our future leadership camp program.

We are hopeful that by opening up the booking this year to a combined Year 5 and 6 camp in August we may be able to increase the number of children participating and we will be able to proceed.

This would then ensure families who were keen to have their children participate in a camp in 2017 would not be left disappointed.

At the present time we have 60 Year 6 families who have returned their expression of interest forms and \$50 deposits.

If you would like your Year 5 or 6 child to participate and have not yet returned your expression of interest, or if your deposit for year 5 camp has been refunded, can you please return the slip below with a \$50 deposit by Wednesday 21st June.

Once we have a further indication of possible interest in such a camp this year we will then be able to determine the cost and viability of the camp proceeding.

The anticipated cost of the Maranatha Camp is likely to be between \$230- \$250.

Maranatha Recreation and Adventure Camp is located on the Sunshine Coast. The camp involves adventure style activities with the focus being on team building. As mentioned above the selection of adventure activities for this camp will differ from future camps to ensure that there is no doubling up of programs

Students will travel by bus to and from the venue. The buses are fitted with lap-sash seat belts. This is a fully catered camp and accommodation is cabin-style. All activities are included in the price and are led by fully qualified instructors.

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards



Sharon McMorrow
Principal
Yarrilee SS

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –Combined Year 5 and 6 Camp.

I _____ give permission for my child _____ in

Learning Group _____ to attend the combined Year 5 and 6 camp to Maranatha Recreation & Education Centre.

I understand that this camp is part of the school camping program and the cost will approximately be \$230 - \$250 - depending on numbers.

I have enclosed a \$50 deposit. _____ Parent/ Guardian Signature