

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

YEAR 13 GREAT BARRIER ISLAND CAMP 2020 - STUDENT NEWSLETTER
Sunday, 26 January to Thursday, 30 January 2020

Planning is underway for our Annual Year 13 camping and tramping experience on Great Barrier Island, in Week One of Term One 2020. This trip has proved to be a highlight of the year for many of our Year 13 students. It has a reputation for being well organised, challenging, fun and safe. It aims to develop strength of character and both mental and physical resilience. It helps bond the incoming year group, developing new peer and staff relationships and strengthening existing ones. It also develops independence, teamwork, personal responsibility and leadership. It provides a context to extend students experience and knowledge of geography, history, DOC, environmental responsibility, sustainability and bush craft.

The trip forms an important part of the school's leadership and peer support training so it is expected all Year 13 students attend. Each year a small number of students seek dispensation, usually on financial, medical or family grounds. If you think this is likely to apply to you, could you please advise Mr Stirling.

The cost to each student will be **\$290.00**. This covers the actual costs incurred in transport to, from and on the island, staffing, camping fees, first aid supplies, final night BBQ and other incidentals. I would ask that the deposit (fully refundable in the event you are unable to attend) of **\$190.00 be paid to student services before Friday, 27 September**. The balance is due on or before Friday, 24 January 2020. The key dates to remember are:

- **Friday, 27 September 2019**
Deadline for the initial deposit of \$190.00, signed initial permission form and medical/consent form to be returned to student services.
- **Thursday, 31 October 2019**
Year 12's meet in the hall period one for a demonstration of the gear needed.
- **Thursday, 23 January 2020**
9.30am – 11.30am: Compulsory student meeting # 1. All students with full camping and tramping gear report to the old gym, to check suitability of each student's gear and tents.
6.00pm – 7.30pm: Compulsory staff and parent helper's safety briefing, in room C4.
- **Friday, 24 January 2020**
9:30 – 11:00am: Compulsory student meeting # 2. Follow up gear requirements, and initial peer support training. Final instalment of \$100.00 is due.
- **Sunday, 26 January 2020**
3am: Students assemble on the Sandspit wharf before heading to Port Fitzroy.
- **Thursday, 31 January 2020**
11:00pm: Students expected return to the Sandspit wharf from Port Fitzroy.

We need sixteen keen parents to assist on the camp (you need to be in good health with an adequate level of fitness to cope with the demands of the tramps). If you are willing and able to help could you have your son or daughter pass on your particulars to Mr Stirling or tick the box and list your name and phone contact details in the initial advice slip below. There is no cost to parents who assist on the camp, but they do need to provide their own tramping and camping gear and provisions.

I trust these matters are clear to you. Should you have any questions, concerns or difficulties please contact Mr Stirling, at the school, phone 09 425-8039 or email: r.stirling@mahurangi.school.nz

Yours sincerely

Mr R Stirling
Year 13 CAMP COORDINATOR

Mr D Mcleod
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 13 GREAT BARRIER ISLAND CAMP 2020 INITIAL ADVICE SLIP - TIC MR R STIRLING

I give permission for Student's name: _____ to attend the Year 13 Great Barrier Island Camp 2020.

Enclosed is \$190 (deposit) Enclosed is \$290 (full cost) I have paid by internet

Mahurangi College Account details: 12-3095-0259130-00 (Please include your child's name and 'Year 13 Camp' as a reference)

I am interested in being a parent helper on camp.

Parent/Caregiver name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Caregiver signature: _____ Date: _____