



St Mary's College Toowoomba

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24 March 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Year 9 camp for 2017 is to be held from **Tuesday 17th October to Friday 20th October 2017** (i.e. four days and three nights). The cost of the camp will be **\$400** payable to the College by **Wednesday 4th October 2017**.

As a College, we understand that early notice is required for payments of this amount. Please find attached some payment plan options that will assist you with easing your financial commitment. If you wish to take up the option of a payment plan please contact Anne Sleeman at the College on 4631 7308 for assistance in setting up the payment option.

This year's camp will be held at Pindari Dam, Ashford, Northern New South Wales. The aim of this Camp is to expose the students to a large number of outdoor activities to be enjoyed with the whole group of students. Students will experience a variety of situations not common to everyday school life. As well as College staff being in attendance, trained and highly-experienced instructors will guide your son through the various activities.

The aim of the Year 9 camp is to allow opportunities to develop leadership, resilience, teamwork, positive relationships and confidence. These qualities are essential as the boys move into their senior years of schooling.

Programme

The camp instructors guide the boys in group activities over the four days. The boys will be challenged physically in terms of group work and effective team dynamics.

Further information is available on the camp's website: <http://www.emugully.com.au/>

The bus will depart from the College (Margaret Street) on **Tuesday 17th October at 7:00am**. We will return to the College by approximately **3:30pm on Friday 20th October**.

Attendance

As a student of St Mary's College it is a requirement to be involved in the Outdoor Education Programme and it is expected that all students will attend the camp; the positive outcomes of this camp will be invaluable for the boys in this year group.

Exemptions are only made in special circumstances, for instance, in the case of a significant medical condition. An application for non-attendance must be requested from, and returned to, Mr Andrew Nielsen, the Assistant Principal – Student Welfare, for his consideration. Students will still be invoiced if permission for non-attendance is not granted and/or late notification is provided. (This is outlined in the College's Outdoor Education Programme – a copy of which is available for perusal at the College's reception.)

Transport

All students will travel to the Camp by buses arranged by the College. No student will be dropped at any other venues by the bus between the Camp and the College.

School Rules

This is a school camp. As a result normal school rules and corresponding school responses to inappropriate behavior will apply.

Contact

In case of emergency – College Staff at the camp site can be contacted on **0439 488 854**

Permission

Please return the attached **permission slip and medical form** by no later than **7 September 2017**. Payment is required by no later than **Wednesday 4 October 2017**.

If you have any concerns regarding the camp please contact me at the College.

Thank you for your support of this experience for your son.

Yours sincerely



Mr Simon McKeiver
Year 9 Camp Co-ordinator
Head of McGoldrick House

Mr Michael Newman
Principal

ST MARY'S COLLEGE YEAR 9 EMU GULLY PINDARI CAMP 2017

Student Name:

Year Level 2017: 9

Family Code:

Estimated Cost of Camp is \$400.00

Payment Options

OPTION A

7 x Monthly Periodical Payments of \$57.15 commencing 05/04/2017 Approx \$400

OPTION B

14 x Fortnightly Periodical Payments of \$28.60 commencing 5/4/2017 Approx \$400

OPTION C

Payment 1	\$100.00 by 04/04/2017
Payment 2	\$100.00 by 04/06/2017
Payment 3	\$100.00 by 04/08/2017
Payment 4	\$100.00 by 04/10/2017

All fees must be finalised by no later than 4 October 2017

Direct deposit bank details as follows - Account Name: St Mary's College BSB: 064 433 Account Number: 0092 7707 Reference Family Code yr 9 camp

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Sleeman on 4631 7308 or email sleemana@stmaryscollege.com



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MEDICAL ISSUES

IMPORTANT!

It is crucial that the College has up-to-date medical information for your son before we embark on camp. We ask that you complete the attached medical form and return it to the College at your earliest convenience. This form will be checked against current information and updated accordingly.

MEDICATION WHILST ON CAMP!

Should your son require any medication over the four days, including asthma medication, the following is expected:

- **Meet Mr McKeiver at the front of the College prior to departure on Tuesday 17th October to sign medication into his care**
- **Have medication in a clear plastic bag**
- **Clearly label with name, dosage requirements, times indicated**

Asthma puffers will be handed out when we arrive at camp, as they will need to be carried with them for all activities.

All medication will need to be collected at the end of the camp by an adult

PAYMENT SLIP

YEAR 9 CAMP (235/2273)

\$400.00

Family Code:

Student Name:

CASH CHEQUE DIRECT DEPOSIT CREDIT CARD VISA / MASTERCARD

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY ____ / ____

CARDHOLDER NAME: _____

Bank Account details for Direct Deposits:

BSB: 064 433

Account: 0092 7707

Reference: Family Code Yr9Camp

CAMP PAYMENT DUE 4 OCTOBER 2017



Year 9 Emu Gully Pindari Camp Student Medical Details

Student Details

Surname		First Name	
Date of Birth			
Address			
Medicare No		Expiry Date	

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Contact 1		Emergency Contact 2	
Name		Name	
Relationship		Relationship	
Ph No (H)		Ph No (H)	
Ph No (W)		Ph No (W)	

Medical Conditions

Has the student ever suffered from:	YES	NO	If YES, give details
Communicable Disease			
Sugar Diabetes			
Epilepsy			
Heart Problems			
Blood Pressure Problems			
Respiratory Problems			
Allergies (Foods, drugs, ointments, insects, etc)			
Appendix removed			
Recent Operations			
Recent or ongoing injuries			
Recent Illness			
Phobias			
Bed Wetting			
Others (Please list)			
Last Tetanus Booster	Date:		

Medicines

The College should be given clear written instructions on any personal medication that the participant will be taking during the program, to prevent any possible confusion which could arise from verbal experiences. Medication should also be placed in a plastic bag with the written instructions.

Will your son be taking medication while on camp? YES NO

Do you authorise the provision of paracetamol to the student should the need arise?

YES NO Signed: _____

If "yes", please state the dosage: _____

Dietary Requirements

Please give details of any special dietary requirements (eg. Vegetarian, lactose intolerance)

Declaration

I give permission for my son _____ to participate in the Year 9 Emu Gully Pindari Camp and all associated activities. I understand that I will need to organize transport to and from the College for a 7am departure on the 17th October and a 4:30pm pick up on Friday 20th October 2017.

I hereby give my consent and authorise the person in charge to obtain such medical attention as may be deemed necessary and I understand that I am responsible for the costs.

I understand that my son will be supervised by College staff and activities at the Camp will be undertaken by trained instructors at Emu Gully Pindari Camp.

Parent Name: _____ Son's Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

If you would like any further information or would like to discuss anything regarding the program, please feel free to contact **Mr Simon McKeiver, Year 9 Camp Coordinator.**

mckeivers@stmaryscollege.com



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YEAR NINE CAMP 2016 Emu Gully Adventure Education – Pindari Dam 17 to 20 October 2017

What to Bring:

- Several sets of old clothes, including a collared shirt
- Underwear and socks (a number of pairs)
- Warm jacket
- Light waterproof jacket / poncho
- Sun hat
- Swimmers (T-Shirt to be worn over swimmers)
- Sturdy walking shoes or joggers **PLUS** some very old joggers (shoes will get wet and muddy)
- Thongs (for showers only)
- Drink bottle(s) (at least 2 litres in total) (a small water bottle is supplied with the mess kit)
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag
- Torch
- Small back pack
- Towels (2)
- Tea towel
- Toiletries and other personal items
- Sunscreen
- Clipboard / Pen, pencil / Paper
- Garbage bags (to cover belongings in wet weather)
- A large soft overnight bag is preferred to a suitcase (as it needs to be stored in the base of your swag)

Sun smart clothing is to be worn for all activities – NO SINGLETS PLEASE

Asthma sufferers must have their asthma puffer on their person at all times

What **NOT to Bring:**

- Money
- Ipods, Ipads, MP3s, PSPs, Discman, Radio, Computer Games, DVDs etc
- Lollies / Chewing gum
- Junk food
- Aerosol cans
- Mobile phones

Why electronic devices should not be brought to Pindari Dam:

- Participants rely on peer support in “tough times” to develop their confidence
- Unless they are waterproof, they can be easily damaged
- They cannot be secured on camp
- Fostering of peer group acceptance is an important aspect of the outdoor education experience

Most importantly, Emu Gully staff utilise the best possible combination of communication services (eg 2 way radio/phone and internet) and, in the event of any situations / incidents, to prevent any confusion or double messages, it is **vitaly important that the **official communication** methods are the only means used.**

Normal school rules and associated consequences apply while on camp