

Dear Parent/ Caregivers

This year's Science Camp which will be held in Port Stephens on the 22nd and 23rd of June 2017.

I would like to thank parents/caregivers and students for their co-operation and efficiency in returning notes and payments to the front office.

Please be advised of the following information:

- Science camp spaces are extremely limited. We were pleased to announce that because of the high demand of camp in 2016 we needed to increase student spaces to 54. This year we can take up to 54 students on Science Camp
- All students attending Science Camp must attend three preparation workshops afterschool between 2.30 and 4pm. Students will engage in interactive activities prepping them for the different activities on Science camp.
 - Wed 22nd of March
 - $\circ~$ Wed 10^{th} of May
 - o Thurs 1st of June
- Due to Science faculty policy students who are going on camp need to ensure that they continue working hard in school leading up to the camp.
- If a student fails to follow school protocol and this leads to a suspension of any type the spot that your student has secured can be **retracted**.
- If your student's spot is retracted (by the Science faculty) a full refund of the money paid will occur.

Payment structure:

Below is a list of payments and the due dates if you have not paid for camp in full

- \$150 deposit paid by 15/3/2017 if spaces still available
- \$85 paid by 5/4/2017
- \$80 paid by 19/4/2017

Any questions please feel free to contact me, School phone: 96706700 Mrs. Leigh Chapple

Science Camp Organiser

Activities for Science Camp 2017

We are proud to announce that Science camp will be held in and around Port Stephens this year. The camp includes the following activities and inclusions:

- <u>Irakundji Shark and Ray center</u>: Students will participate in activities based on sea and aquatic animal conservation. Students will also spend 1.5 hours swimming and interacting with the sharks and stingrays.
- <u>Camel rides at the sand dunes</u>: Students will go on a tour of the naturally formed sand dunes of Port Stephens guided by camels.
- **Port Stephens Beach**: Students will undertake a survey of the local beach. Looking at shell formations and pollution that washes up on our beaches in NSW.
- **Dolphin and Whale watching:** Students will embark on a boat which will go out to the bay of Port Stephens. Students will spot many marine creatures on the trip which can include dolphins, whales and penguins.
- <u>Bush walk of Australia Natural Forest:</u> Students will embark on a guided bushwalk of one of Australia's natural forests which houses a variety of plants and animals which they will need to spot.
- <u>Accommodation</u>: Students will be staying at the "retreat at Port Stephens" which is surrounded by Australian Bush where students will go spotting for nocturnal Australian wildlife

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