



HUTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 7 students,

Re: **EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM 2018 – YEAR 8 SCHOOL CAMPS**

During Term 1 all Year 8 classes go on a residential camp for one week. The camp we attend is Wairarapa Outdoors Pursuits based in and around Masterton.

The focus for these camps is for students to:

- Build relationships amongst students, staff, instructors and parents.
- Challenge themselves and explore their capabilities in an outdoor setting.
- Build inner confidence as well as team cooperation (figure out who you are and what you and others can do).
- Gain a range of outdoor skills and develop key life skills.
- Appreciate and acknowledge their own, and others response to challenges – physical, emotional, social.
- Gain an appreciation for our environment and the opportunities that it may provide.

The activities at camp include caving, rock climbing, abseiling, rafting, tramping, sleeping overnight in a tramping hut, tenting, flying fox, high and low ropes course and giant swing. All activities are run by trained instructors. While at camp students stay in cabins, tents, at Powell hut, and sometimes on a marae.

The cost of the camp is approximately \$350.00. This covers all transport (buses and trains), meals, accommodation, qualified instructors and use of equipment. Letters will go out later in the year detailing the exact amount. As it is a large expense that comes at the start of the year, provision can be made to set up automatic payments to pay for camp. This can be done now and must be paid in full before the start of the camp. Please ring Julie Scott on 9398800 or email julies@his.school.nz to set this up.

As with other camps we will require parental assistance. The camps are scheduled from Week 4 (Monday 24 February) through to Week 9 (Monday 30 March). Each class will attend a camp from Monday to Friday. Exact dates for each class will be finalised midway through Term 4. Accompanying parents help supervise activities, help with the preparation of some meals and generally assist with student organisation. All parents going on camp are police vetted as it is an overnight event. Please contact Tracey Kelly (traceyk@his.school.nz) if you are interested in assisting us.

Attached to this letter is the Year 8 Camp gear list and description of some of the items required. This is just to give parents and caregivers a “heads up” of what will be needed when their child goes on camp. Please note the school can provide a tramping pack if you are unable to source one.

Kind regards,
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Tracey Kelly