

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CAMP 2009

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Saturday, 19th September to Friday 25th September (7 days)

64 DAYS TO GO

There's only 64 sleeps until we head off to the Gold Coast - start getting excited!!!!!!

PAYMENT

Everyone should have paid \$100 by now.

The next payment of \$200 is due this Monday, July 20. Pay at the general office during recess or before school. Use a school payment envelope (found outside VCE office).

The final payment of \$225 is due on Monday August 18th (Final Deadline). The total cost will be \$525.

NOTE: Due to past problems with students attending camps and then not completing payments, students who have not paid the full amount by 4 weeks before the camp (August 21) will be removed from the camp (unless other arrangements have been made with the School Business Manager). Full refunds will not be given unless the student can be replaced in the camp.

Remember, you also need to have paid any compulsory school fees before the camp or you can't go.

BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT (ATTACHED)

Like Central last year you all know that these trips require a fair bit of tolerance and lots of cooperation for the camp to work well. We again ask you to really contribute in a positive way to all aspects of this camp.

Additionally, as was required for the Central Camp, all students attending the Queensland camp, and their parent(s) will be required to sign the attached Behaviour Agreement. This assures that all students know what is expected of them while on the camp and the consequences if the agreement is broken. Please get this signed and returned to the box outside the VCE Office as soon as possible.

BUSES

The choice of buses is not as important as it was for Central, as you will basically only be in the bus for 24 hours on the way up and back then briefly each day. We will work out the buses at a meeting in a few weeks. Hopefully it will not be too difficult. This will be a compulsory meeting - if you are not there you will be allocated to a bus. As usual, once you have been assigned to a bus you'll be on it for the whole trip.

TENTS

These will be the same as for Central - very quick and easy to put up, with four corner pegs and a centre pole - and they only have to be put up once!! They are 2 person tents and really should have only 2 people in them - all your gear has to be kept in your tent too. If it rains you don't want to have 3 people in the tent as you need to stay off the sides and you'll need extra space. From experience, 3 in a tent is too crowded.

Once buses are decided we will need to know the names of students sharing tents. Whoever you share a tent with must be the same sex and preferably on the same bus with you.

EQUIPMENT LIST (ATTACHED)

Check the list carefully. Remember you have to provide your own bedding so you need to get that organised if you don't have it.

SPORTING COMMITMENTS

Please let your sporting coaches know now that you will be away - there may be some problems for some sporting teams. (We have had students travel up by plane or bus after grand finals before).

SPENDING MONEY/MEALS WHILE TRAVELLING

You have to provide all your own meals while travelling up and back - this involves lunch, dinner and breakfast on the way up, and dinner, breakfast and lunch on the way back. We suggest you bring a cut lunch on the first day - you could bring all your food for the trip up if you want to (but don't bring much fruit - you can't take it over the border). You also need to buy your own lunch every day.

With regard to other spending money it really depends on how much food you eat and whether you want to buy souvenirs. There will be access to ATMs. We would suggest about \$20 per day but you could manage on considerably less than this if you don't buy a lot of junk food or presents. We will be visiting some outlet shops so you may want to have money available in case you see something you like.

Note: Breakfast and Dinner are provided each day we are camping on the Gold Coast so you could fill up then and skip lunch (or buy food in the supermarket the night before) - food in the theme parks is expensive.

PHONE CONTACT

We will have the school mobile phone, and most staff have phones. Numbers will be published closer to the camp. We will also publish numbers where we are staying. If you are intending to take a mobile phone, we would like to compile a list of who has phones and the numbers. **Please write your mobile phone number on the behaviour agreement sheet.**

Any questions, talk to us anytime.

Grant Nichol and Stafford Smith
Camp Coordinators

If you haven't returned your medical and parent declaration, we need them urgently.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Leave at 8.00am and travel overnight to the Gold coast;

Day 2: go to **Seaworld**,

Day 3: go to **Dreamworld**, (Evening at Movies)

Day 4: relaxing day to go to the beach and explore Surfers Paradise, (Evening - Karaoke)

Day 5: go to **Movieworld**, (Evening - Bowling)

Day 6: go to **Wet n Wild** then travel home overnight,

Day 7: travel all day and arrive home about 6.30pm.