



Bacchus Marsh
Grammar

YEAR 8 CAMPS AND EXPERIENCES 2023

Dear **Parents/Guardians**,

As part of the ongoing camps and experiences offered at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, students will participate in a unique 3-day/2-night recreational camp beginning in the Brisbane Ranges which is where the Year 7 journey finished. Students will hike and mountain bike through and around the Brisbane Ranges to arrive at Staughton Vale, where they will be staying at the Staughton Vale Outdoor Ed Campus, 515 Staughton Vale Road, Staughton Vale. This camp offers an extensive range of recreation activities for personal development, team building and environmental activities. At all times students will be in a safe environment and supervised by professional outdoor leaders and Bacchus Marsh Grammar staff. These experiences are an integral part of the broader co-curricular program and attendance is compulsory.

Students will be bused to their starting point and then make the journey across the Brisbane ranges areas to the Staughton Vale farm campus. Students will spend 2 nights in tents at the Staughton Vale Outdoor Education Centre, 515 Staughton Vale Road.

The activities and requirements for the students will be:

- Walking / hiking through these areas
- Mountain biking through tracks in these areas
- Team Building games and activities at Staughton Vale to begin the journey
- Water safety awareness, canoeing and beach games at Anglesea
- Leadership and resilience based activities and games along the way
- Students will be required to carry a small backpack with their lunch, snack, and water on the first day.
- Students are required to bring their own snack, lunch and food to cook their own dinner on a Trangia on Day / night one of the journey. All other meals will be catered for. Please refer to attached Food ideas document for overview of food requirements.

Term 1 – Maddingley -Recreation Camp Dates

Year 8A & 8B Monday 6 March– Wednesday 8 March

Year 8C, 8D & 8E Wednesday 8 March – Friday 10 March

The Recreation camp will involve students walking through a section of the Brisbane Ranges in their tutor groups and camping out overnight. Students will be required to supply a small amount of their own food for a part of the camp. This will also assist in preparation for next year's expedition requirements. Information will be given to students in class regarding this and advice on appropriate clothing.

Important Reminders:

- It is extremely important that students take note of the clothing requirements for this camp (see attached list). It is vital that all students have a warm, waterproof jacket.
- All equipment and food is to be packed into one travel bag / pack (NO SUITCASES PLEASE)
- Students should ensure that these items are easily accessible;
- Waterproof jacket, full water bottle, jumper (if not wearing), sunscreen and hat, morning tea and packed lunch

Students are to wear appropriate casual clothes (no denim) for the camp. Students will be transported to and from camp by bus. Students are to be at school by 8.45am on their departure date, the bus will depart shortly after this. Students will arrive back to school by 3.00pm on the final day for a 3.15pm dismissal.

Contact number: If you need to get in contact with the group outside school hours. The coordinator can be contacted on **0428 315 081**. This will be an emergency number only. All other communication can be made through the school reception on 5366 4800.

Medical Information: Please ensure all medical and dietary information is up to date with the School Health Centre via Schoolbox no later than **Wednesday 1 March 2023.**

*****All students attending are required to have their Student ID card for logging on/off the bus*****

*****It is recommended that all students 8 years and over wear a fitted face mask whilst travelling on public transport (this includes to and from school, excursions, and camps) unless they have a medical exemption*****

Please complete the permission form by **Monday 27 February 2023.**

Should you require any further information about any of the programs, please contact Mr Brendan McLoughlin, the Year 8 Year Level Coordinator or Ms Rachel McMahon, the Camps Coordinator. If your child is unable to attend due to a planned school absence, please contact the Year Level Coordinator. You must also contact the Year Level Coordinator if you have any other concerns regarding your child's attendance at this camp.

Yours Sincerely,

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Year 8 Coordinator

Rachel McMahon
Camps Coordinator

Scott Bayne
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