

VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies 2023 Coastal Expedition Unit 1 & 2

Dear Parents/Guardians and Student,

Your son/daughter has enrolled in VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies; we welcome your involvement in this subject area. This subject examines the ways in which humans understand and relate to nature in the context of outdoor environments. It aims to develop students' physical, sensory, and intellectual abilities to enable them to safely participate in outdoor environments in a variety of activities.

The dates and location for the Coastal Expedition this year are provided below. Students will depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar at 9.00am on the first day of the expedition and return to school before 3.00pm on the final day. Coaches will transport students. These expeditions are compulsory for all Outdoor and Environmental Studies students as they are used to supplement the classroom curriculum and provide practical examples of the topics studied. Students will complete detailed preparation activities before each expedition which includes a comprehensive guide to suitable clothing, equipment and food. The school provides transport, some equipment and professional instructors for activities. Students are required to supply their own personal camping equipment, e.g. sleeping bag and food for all overnight expeditions. No items necessitate expensive purchases.

Term 1 Coastal Expedition

Units 1/2 Surfing Environmental Impacts Study Surfcoast Trail Walk

Victorian Surf Coast Wed 15 - Fri 17 February Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park

Behaviour

The practical side to this subject means that students will be participating in many activities. A strong commitment is needed by students to ensure these experiences are worthwhile for themselves and others. This requires students to be organised in planning and preparing for expeditions. It also requires students to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Students must participate to the best of their ability and behave in a cooperative, safe and responsible manner at all times. For the safety of themselves and others, students are expected to:

- Follow all instructions from teachers and other leaders/instructors.
- Respect their own gear, the school equipment and the belongings of others.
- Respect the environment no graffiti/litter/vandalism.
- Behave in a considerate manner and not disturb school or public campers.
- Assist in the preparation and packing, before, during and after a trip as part of a team effort.

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Unacceptable language or behaviour has a direct impact on everyone's experience and will not be accepted. All school rules are to be followed, including the restricted use of mobile phones and alcohol and cigarettes being banned. In the event of a breach of any of these conditions, parents will be notified and expected to come and collect their daughter or son from the venue.

Please ensure you have completed any changes or updates of your child's medical information on Schoolbox. If your child has any recent medical, dietary or injury needs, or changes please notify the school Health Centre. If your child has medication that needs to be taken whilst on camp it needs to be registered at the Health-Centre, on or preferably before the morning of the camp with the following information;

- 1. Original packaging with student name clearly labelled
- 2. Name of Medication
- 3. Dosage
- 4. Time/Frequency
- 5. Medical Condition medication is for
- 6. Any other relevant information
- 7. Parent/Guardian Name, signature and date.

If you do not provide this information, medication cannot be given to your child.

EPIPENS; If your child requires an Epipen a second one needs to be provided from home to ensure 2 Epipens are taken on camp.

If you have any queries regarding this information or any other details regarding the expedition, please feel free to contact Mr Daine Johnston or Mr Bryce Durham.

Please complete the permission form by **<u>8 February 2023</u>**.

Yours sincerely,

Bryce Durham, Lora Fenech, Daine Johnston Jenna Nicolle, Chloe Tabone and Daniel Velden **Outdoor and Environmental Studies Teachers** Kevin Richardson Senior Deputy Principal



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I hereby give permission for my child ______ of Year ______ to travel and participate in the 2023 Coastal Expedition Unit 1-2 from Wednesday 15- Friday 17 February 2023.

□ In the event of illness or accident, and where it is impractical to communicate with me, I authorise my child's receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

Parent/Guardian Name:	Signature:	Date:

Please complete the permission form by **<u>8 February 2023</u>**.