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### Unit 3-4 - VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies 2023 Barmah Lakes Forest Expedition Information

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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 May – Friday 12 May</b>
<b>Time:</b>	Departing Wednesday at 8.45am and returning Friday 3.00 pm
<b>Uniform:</b>	On departure School Sports Uniform
<b>Location:</b>	Barmah Lakes National Park Camping Ground – Moira Lakes Rd, Barmah
<b>Food:</b>	Students provide their own food as discussed in class.
<b>Equipment:</b>	Equipment Lists as given out and discussed in class.
<b>Transport:</b>	Students will be transported to and from the venue by bus
<b>Activities Include:</b>	Canoeing, Indigenous Cultural Tour, Forest Heritage Tour, Barmah Forest Conservation, Geocaching and Base camp activities.

Students will complete detailed preparation activities before each expedition which include 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, pillow and food for all overnight expeditions.

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.**



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The use of Mobile Phones will **NOT** be permitted on the expedition. Students wishing to bring mobile phones will have them collected at the beginning of the expedition and safely stored. Any student who does not hand in their phone and is caught with it during the expedition will have it confiscated and will be issued an after-school detention, as is standard school practice. All collected phones will be distributed back to students at the completion of the expedition.

Students are expected to abide by school rules and regulations regarding behavior and conduct on the expedition. The failure to meet these expectations may result in the student having to return to school or be collected by their parents from the expedition.

In the case of emergency, students can be contacted via the school mobile phone number 0455 091 244

*\*\*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 slip by **Wednesday 3 May 2023.**

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.

Yours sincerely,

Daine Johnston and Bryce Durham  
**Outdoor and Environmental Studies Teachers**

Kevin Richardson  
**Senior Deputy Principal**



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**OES – Unit 3-4 Barmah Lakes Expedition Consent Form**

I hereby give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_ to travel and participate in the OES Barmah Lakes Expedition to be held at Barmah Lakes National Park, Barmah on **Wednesday 10 May until Friday 12 May 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 slip by **Wednesday 3 May 2023.**