



St Leonard's College

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5 March 2024

Dear Year 4 families,

This year students will participate in an Outdoor Education Program at Camp Ibis. Owned by the College, Camp Ibis is located on the Banksia Peninsula in the Gippsland Lakes. This Outdoor Education camp is an integral part of the school curriculum for personal development, development of interpersonal skills, language, and indigenous studies.

Whilst on camp students will spend two nights at Camp Ibis, sleeping in pairs in canvas tents. Throughout the program they will participate in activities such as: orienteering, frisbee golf, mountain bike riding, ninja warrior course (low ropes / obstacle course), a boat trip on Lake Victoria and indigenous and wildlife studies through stories and art.

Camp Dates: Monday 22 April- Wednesday 24 April 2024

Departure: Please meet in the Marjorie Menzies Hall in the Junior School **7:45am for a 8.00am Departure.**

Return: Camp will return to main South Rd gates at 3:30pm. Parents will be notified of any changes to this via text message.

Travel: Students will travel by coach (with seatbelts) to and from Camp Ibis.

Staff: The program is coordinated by College Outdoor Education staff (Ben Woolhouse) with support from casual Outdoor Education staff. A number of Junior School staff will also be in attendance; Stephanie Graham and Shardaie Larner (Year 4 teachers), Mel Jones (JS PE teacher) and Sam Haines (JS HPL teacher).

ACTION REQUIRED: [Please click here](#) to take you to the online parent consent and medical form on STL. Please make sure you have completed this form by **Wednesday 27 March.**

Student and Parents Camp Briefing

Junior School and Outdoor Education staff will run an information session with students and parents prior to camp on **Tuesday 26 March 8.40-9.30am** in the *Junior School Marjorie Menzies Hall*, ensuring they understand what to bring and expectations of the program. Teachers will bring classes down to the briefing and parents are welcome to meet in the hall. A copy of this presentation will be available to parents on the Year 4 page on STL link.

Clothing / Equipment

Please find the clothing and equipment list attached to this email. Students should bring a small bag/day pack on the bus (with morning tea, water bottle, lunch, and any cards/games/books for the bus journey. ****Please note no electronics are to be brought on camp).** All other personal belongings must be packed in one bag (eg. Packback, suitcase or duffel bag). Please have all items inside the bag and it should not weigh more than 15kgs.

Preparation and packing are worthwhile learning experiences for the students although it would be appreciated if you could supervise and help where needed. Your child should carefully check off the equipment against the attached list provided and pack it, ensuring their ability to repack each day while on camp. Parents are asked to note that children are not allowed to take mobile phones, smart watches or other electronic devices to camp (other than a camera).

On day one, students should wear their sports uniform for the bus trip, ready for action upon arrival at Camp Ibis.

To make this as simple as possible, we have set up 3 options for you to purchase and / or hire your gear (if you do not already own suitable items). To ensure the equipment meets our requirements and safety standards, OED staff have selected an approved range of specific items that families can choose from, to best suit their child and budget.

Online you can visit:

- [Vast Outdoors](#)
- [One Planet Camp List](#) - enter "St Leonards College", year 4 camps
- [Offtrack](#) - enter code "STLOED", year 4 camp

Or if you prefer an in-person local shopping experience, please visit [Vast Outdoors](#) (880 Nepean Hwy, Hampton East). Vast Outdoors can also help with gear hire as an agent for One Planet.

Please follow the attached packing list ***precisely***. Most items are essential pieces of safety equipment and will be used for several years in the core Outdoor Education program, CUE program and optional Recreation camps throughout the children's time at the College and beyond.

Medication

Personal medical requirements must be clearly labelled, be in its commercial packaging and instructions provided from the student's doctor or pharmacist and in a zip lock bag. Please complete this [Medical Authority Form](#) to accompany any medication. This bag is to be given to the accompanying teacher prior to departure.

Health Reminders

It is important for each student's active participation in all aspects of the program that they are in good health. Staff are required to supervise students during all aspects of the program and therefore adequate supervision of unwell children may not be possible. In these cases, parents may be required to collect their children from camp.

STL Link

All documents and information relating to this program are available for download from STL Link via the [year 4 home page/Outdoor Education link](#). It may be helpful for parents and students to view the pictures here, to gain a better understanding of what the program entails, to view gear/clothing and see what Camp Ibis looks like.

Emergency contact details during camp

College (during business hours) 9909 9300
All hour's emergency number 9909 9509

We look forward to an exciting Year 4 camp program at Camp Ibis. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding camp.

Yours sincerely



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