



## St Leonard's College

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5 March 2025

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

Tuesday 1 April- Thursday 3 April, 2025

### Departure

Please meet in the Marjorie Menzies Hall in the Junior School **7:45am for an 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 (Stuart Walpole) with support from casual Outdoor Education staff. A number of Junior School staff will also be in attendance; Stephanie Graham and Shardae Lerner (Year 4 teachers), ..... and Eli Delarue (JS Learning Enhancement Assistant).

### Student and Parents Camp Briefing

You are warmly invited to attend our 'Student and Parents Camp Briefing' on **Thursday 13 March 8.40-9.30am, MMH** (*please note this change in date*). This session will be run by Junior School and Outdoor Education Staff outlining the camp program, what students need to bring and a chance to see one of the Camp Ibis tents. Teachers will bring classes down to the briefing and parents are welcome to meet in the MMH. 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 the *Consent2go* event invitation.
- 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.
- All 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.
- On day one, students should wear their sports uniform for the bus trip, ready for action upon arrival at Camp Ibis.
- *Parents are asked to note that children are not allowed to take mobile phones, smart watches or other electronic devices to camp.*

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

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 childrens' 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.

### **Risk Management Strategies**

The College has in place policies and procedures that ensure the safety of students and staff is at the forefront of our processes. Risks will not be taken with your son or daughter's safety and at all times students will be supervised by a member of staff.

Coordinators advise local police and parks of our program, they regularly check weather conditions, forecasts and warnings – if conditions become unsafe, students are relocated to suitable location. Outdoor Education staff are qualified and experienced in prevention, management and treatment of all physical and emotional conditions typically encountered by young people in this environment. Emergency services will be called in the event of emergency.

### **Food**

All meals are catered for with the exception of lunch and morning tea on the first day. Outdoor Education staff will run a preparation session with students prior to camp, to explain food, the program and clothing requirements.

### **Anaphylaxis Policy**

The College Anaphylaxis policy seeks to minimise the risk of students coming into contact with nuts and nut products. Students should not bring any products containing nuts or nut products to camp.

### **Distance from expert medical care**

All Outdoor Teachers/Leaders have Leaders Advanced Wilderness First Aid, or equivalent. Bairnsdale hospital is the closest medical centre, 20km (20 minutes) from Camp Ibis. Mobile phones are effective within the Gippsland Lakes areas. Whilst exploring the lakes by boat, the distance and response is increased.

### **Accommodation**

Students will spend two nights at Ibis, base camping in large canvas tents.

### **Cost**

Included in Year 4 consolidated charges.



### **Emergency contact details during camp**

College (during business hours) 9909 9300

All hours emergency number 9909 9509

### **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.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ben Woolhouse'.

Mr Ben Woolhouse  
Head of Outdoor and Experiential Education

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