Dear Parents/Carers,

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

As you know the College has an Outdoor Education Program which is a COMPULSORY component of College life in Years 7 to 10.

I am grateful for the high level of student involvement and parent support for this program. The vast majority of the boys enjoy the experiences provided and gain a lot from them. I am particularly impressed by those boys who may not embrace this type of activity enthusiastically but are still prepared to face the challenges provided - in many ways these boys gain even more from that experience.

The Year 10 component of this program will take place in Term 1, Week 6. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THIS WEEK IS KEPT FREE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS.

DATE: Monday 29th February to Friday 4th March
LOCATION: Coolendel, Shoalhaven River
ACTIVITIES: Canoeing, Abseiling, Rock Climbing, Bushwalking
DEPARTURE: Students depart form the College on Monday 29th February at 8.30am (Students catch normal buses to school)
RETURN: Students will return to the College by 2.30pm on Friday 4th March and will need to arrange transportation home.

The Year 10 camp, being of 5 days duration, builds on the experiences of earlier years. It is also the camp that the boys speak most about in later years. It is not a static, unchanging one. Over the years we have made many alterations to venues, length and range of experiences etc in order to best cater for varied student outdoor experiences. We anticipate that the students will benefit from the early camp for their studies throughout Year 10 and at the same time 'free up' the remainder of the year from major disruptions as they prepare for their final Year 10 examinations.

Any questions about these activities should be directed in the first instance to Mr Sunderland (Acting Year 10 Coordinator).

The outdoor camp will require the use of a 70 litre backpack which can be hired from Optimum Experiences. The hiring cost is $30.00. There are only a limited number available so students are encouraged to source their own backpack or ensure they request one early.

As you would be aware the cost of the camp is covered by your son’s school fees.

Throughout the Camp, all students are required to demonstrate the expected behaviours required of all boys who attend Edmund Rice College. This includes zero tolerance in respect of the supply and/or use of alcohol, drugs or other prohibited substances or items brought to the College and/or any associated activity whilst on Camp. A student who defies this instruction will have his enrolment status reviewed and most likely revoked.

Please complete the Reply Slip below and the attached Optimum Experiences Medical & Safety Information form and return both to your son’s Home Room Organiser by Wednesday, 10th February.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to provide activities to maximise learning opportunities for our students.

Yours sincerely

MR S TADROS
Deputy Principal

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Reply Slip: Please return this to your Home Room Organiser by Wednesday 10th February

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I understand that my son __________________________________ of Home Room _______ will be attending the Year 10 Outdoor Education Program at Coolendel from 29th February to 4th March.

Details of transport home: ________________________________________________________________

Signed: _______________________________________________ Parent/Carer Date: ________________

☐ Tick if your son requires a Back Pack from Optimum Experiences (Hiring Cost $30.00)