



Caritas
COLLEGE

20 August 2024

Dear Families

**Re: Year 8 Camp – Adelaide (Woodhouse Activity Centre)
Wednesday 25 September – Friday 27 September (Term 3, Week 10)**

The aims of the camp are to complement the pastoral care program conducted at school, to engage with the story of Mary MacKillop and to apply skills learnt in class in an outdoor setting. On Wednesday 25 September, students will travel to Adelaide and visit the Mary MacKillop Museum before travelling to Woodhouse Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills. Students will need a packed recess and lunch for Wednesday, all other meals will be provided. Please advise if students have particular dietary needs. On Thursday students will engage with challenges and activities at Woodhouse Activity Centre that reinforce topics covered at school. Students will return to Caritas on Friday 27 September at approximately 2:00pm. We consider this camp to be an essential part of our Year 8 classes, and we strongly encourage all students to attend.

Some practical details about the camp include:

Campsite facilities:

Games room, dormitories (including bunk beds), outdoor playing facilities. Families are encouraged to visit the website to find out more information about the activities and challenges at <https://www.woodhouse.org.au/>.

Departure/arrival times:

Wed 25 Sep 7:10am Students to arrive at Caritas College, Woodforde Street
 7:30am Bus departure to Adelaide, stopping at Port Wakefield
Fri 27 Sep 2:00pm Students can be dismissed. Remaining students will be supervised at school until 3:00pm

As per the College's updated mobile device policy, all personal devices must be turned off and kept in bags for the duration of the excursion or handed in to staff at the start of the day, smart watches must be switched to flight mode. Students will not be permitted to use these at any point during the day until return to school. If you need to make contact with anyone, do so by contacting the front office or by calling the Coordinator on 0417 866 188.

In case of emergency

Students may be contacted through the Coordinator on **0417 866 188** (calls only no SMS).

If this event is cancelled due to extreme weather a text message will be sent to the families.

Please complete the attached Student Consent and Medical Form and return to your class teacher by **Monday 26 August**.

If you require further information, please contact Toni Freer at the College.

Yours sincerely

Toni Freer
7-9 Student Learning and Wellbeing Director

Damian Smith
Principal

Year 8 Woodhouse Activity Centre Camp Packing Checklist

Packed	Item
	A day pack (back pack take on bus and walks)
	Packed morning tea and lunch for Wednesday
	Named Torch
	Named water bottle (at least 1Litre)
	Wide Brim hat (no caps) Beanie / gloves
	Jacket
	Enclosed Shoes x 2 pairs (You will need them for activities 1 pair may get muddy and wet)
	Plastic bag to pack away shoes if needed
	Long pants x 3
	Collared T shirt x 2 (must be worn Wednesday and Thursday for outdoor activities)
	Shorts x 1
	T shirt x 1
	Jumper x 2
	Underwear and socks x 3 plus 1 spare
	Toiletries, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, etc. *NO AEROSOLS
	Bath towel / Hand Towel (for the floor) / face cloth
	Sleeping bag
	Fitted single bed sheet
	Pillow
	Pyjamas (or warm tracksuit)
	Sunscreen
	Any medication in a named bag (please give to your home class teacher on arrival)
	Personal Puffer named (student to keep)
	Pen x 2
	Spending money optional (stopping at Port Wakefield to and from Adelaide)

Please note that mobile phones and other electronic devices are not encouraged.