



Monday 18 February, 2013

CHANGE TO YEAR 8 CAMP

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of the change in arrangements regarding the Year 8 Camp's that were scheduled to commence on Wednesday 27th February. As you would be aware Harrietville is currently under threat of bushfires. Over the last few weeks we have been monitoring the situation in Harrietville and the surrounding area's. The DSE and the CFA have informed us that travel to the area is not advisable for our group. There have also been many conversations with members of the leadership team and the camp itself, and after these discussions we have decided that we are not willing to take the risk of taking students to this area. Even without the fires directly impacting on the camp we would still need to reconsider activities such as mountain bike riding and gold panning due to the poor quality of the air and water. As a result we have decided that it is best and more importantly safest to cancel the camp at this time and to look at organising an alternate camp later in the year.

We have met with the students this afternoon to let them know all at once what is happening with the camp. We have also told them that once we have finalised arrangements for the alternate camp we will get them back together and let them know what they can expect. This information will then be passed on to parents as well.

While we understand that some parents and students will be disappointed by this change we can only follow the direction of those who are involved in the situation and who have the expertise.

Kind regards

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