How to survive a year 6 camp … if you are a parent!

What you need to know.

1. Risk management strategies are in place throughout camp. These include wearing of uniforms, care group and care leaders who have rolls, counter-checking mechanisms – roll call and head count (kids sit in same seat) and buddy pairs.

2. We start early (5:00 walk for early-early risers or those who do not go to sleep before 3am and 6:00 walk for rest of early risers) and finish late. We have at least one supervisor on duty during the night. Kids leaving rooms or found in other rooms (eg girls in boys or vice versa) will be sent home. 

3. This is no holiday camp - we are on the go for the whole week and kids will be expected to look after their own personal arrangements.

4. Misbehaviour is not anticipated but we won’t tolerate behaviour which endangers self or others – Please reinforce this with your children.

5. Responsibility is expected – eg meeting times, bus seating, room behaviour, tidiness, toilet/shower behaviour and respect for guided talk speakers.

6. Emergency contact number is school mobile: 0418791678 – or contact the school during office hours (8:00-4:00) on 49715111.

7. Monday - getting going: Students will be placed in care groups and bus groups (Bus 1 or Bus 2) prior to camp. On Monday students should gather with their gear near their bus groups. They must report to their care leader to have their roll marked. The seat they take on the bus will be their seat for the duration of camp with their camp buddy beside them.

How to help us and your child/ren

1. Pack morning tea and lunch for Monday trip in disposable container so everything can be thrown away. A snack can be purchased at Matilda.

2. Check for lollies – they will be confiscated during the camp (You all know what sugared- up AND TIRED children are like!)


4. Don’t tie SLEEPING BAGS to MAIN BAG.

5. Let us know asap re bedwetting, travel sickness or food issues

Miscellaneous

1. Kids can phone you at various locations during the week. Most phones are coin operated so give them a supply of coins if necessary. Set up a home link number if you wish, however we will not halt arrangements to do so.

2. Home sickness lasts only a day (or two). Do not respond to homesickness (during calls) as it often worsens the problem. Keep positive and reassuring.

3. Disco clothes are flexible but appropriate.

4. No jewellery or make up are to be worn during the day.

5. Contact during camp will be minimal with school mobile

6. Only children with specific allergies/medical needs will receive a special diet. All children (and adults) will be given the same food – vegetables and all!! The menu is excellent.

What your kids will try to do

1. Bring lollies

2. Spend a fortune on souvenirs. Please outline your clearly your expectations

Money issues

1. Kids have to look after their own cash and wallet

2. They can use key cards at commercial venues but we do not have the time to divert.

3. Their $110 needs to last for the week to pay for meals and a snack on the way home

Gear to bring

1. Watch – kids need to know the time – a cheap watch will do for the week.

2. Camera – we will be taking some digital cameras and down loading photos to a laptop. Bringing their own digital camera is fine, but your child’s own responsibility.

3. Wet pack (eg cool bag) for towels and swimmers (canoeing clothes) etc.

4. Game Boys and I-pods with ear phones for trip down/home but will be child’s responsibility. No phones or i-pads.

What NOT to bring

1. Anything of significant value

2. Torches

3. Mobile phones (even without SIM cards) or i-pads.

4. Anything that can be dangerous or is inappropriate

Medication

1. Mrs Libby Small is in charge of all medication

2. Give to Libby on /before Friday 31 October. Please not on Monday 3 November.

3. Complete medication form

4. Place medication in a zipp lock plastic bag clearly labelled with name and details (original boxes)

5. Just in case supplies (panadol etc) not required We take a supply and will contact you re administering (if required)

Fussy Eaters

1. There is little option for fussiness, the food is yum.

2. Practise with cutlery and at a table beforehand.

3. Please contact Leanne Burke 49715111 if any issues

DEPARTING Kin Kora State School:

1. Kids will be allocated to a CARE group – Meet CARE GROUP leader when arrive. Roll procedures will be explained. Students are checked off roll before entering the bus.

BUS group – Bus 1 (Hibiscus end) + Bus 2 (Kin Kora Drive end) – stand near allocated bus and wait to be instructed re luggage loading/boarding. The drivers will direct us.

2. Don’t arrive before 7:30 because there won’t be anyone here. Bus leaves at 8:00am sharp

3. No CLINGING, CLICKING, CLUCKING, CRYING, CHEERING! Be positive

TRIP HOME

We do not plan to arrive back before 4:30pm on Friday.

Call 49715111 for an update during the day regarding where we are and estimated arrival time. We will attempt to leave a message on the school mobile (Depending on reception). If any issues/concerns during camp, please call the school office on 49715111 firstly.

Cheering! Be positive