Dear Parents

The Year 9 Aquatic Camps will be conducted in May at Murraylands Aquatics Centre, Murray Bridge. Students have been allocated to camps according to their Home Group.

Camp 1  Monday May 6th to Wednesday May 8th  Term 2 Week 2
Boys from 91, 92, 93, 94, 95

Camp 2  Wednesday May 8th to Friday May 10th  Term 2 Week 2
Boys from 96, 97, 98, 99

Camp 3  Monday May 20th to Wednesday May 22nd  Term 2 Week 4
Girls from 91, 92, 93, 94, 95

Camp 4  Wednesday May 22nd to Friday May 24th  Term 2 Week 4
Girls from 96, 97, 98, 99

Students are to meet at the back of the school on Alnwick Terrace by 8.30am for a 9am departure.

Buses will return to school at approximately 2.30pm.

The 3 days of the camp will be spent doing a variety of water based activities supervised by qualified instructors with support from school staff. Life jackets are compulsory and when necessary wetsuits will be provided and worn. All students are to wear a sun hat and enclosed shoes during activities.

Accommodation will be under canvas. Students are encouraged to use their own tents, however, the school will provide tents for those requiring them. Part of the camp experience is for students to work in small groups to pitch, strike and pack tents, and to develop skills in team work. This preparation, along with other camping skills will occur during year level meetings and specially organised lessons prior to the camps. Experienced staff and home group teachers will supervise these sessions.

The cost of the camp will be $148. This is an all inclusive cost covering full catering for all meals (6), morning and afternoon teas (4), camp accommodation and facilities charges, aquatic equipment hire, and all transport costs.

Invoices will be sent to parents and full payment for the Camp must be made by Thursday April 11th 2013 (in the last week of term 1) otherwise the student will not be permitted to attend. NO reminders of overdue payments will be sent out to parents. As the Year 9 Aquatics Camp is not an essential element of the curriculum, this charge is a voluntary contribution. Students will not participate in this activity unless full payment has been received by the due date. If a student withdraws from their allocated camp after April 11th 2013
(advertised payment date) $60 will be forfeited from the refund. This is a charge imposed by contractors providing services.

Accompanying this letter is a DECD Aquatics Form, Health/Consent Form, M.H.S. Behaviour Contract and an information sheet.

Parents are asked to read these, accurately fill out and sign, with students returning, the Aquatics Form and Health/Consent Form to home group teachers by **Thursday April 11th** in the last week of this term. Additional health information and student medical action plans must be forwarded with the health form. Copies of the Year 9 Aquatic Camp letter and forms are available on the school web site under Student Activities/Yr 9 Aquatics Camp.

During camp contact can be made in emergency with teachers on mobile: 0458 106 284. Murraylands Aquatic Centre can be contacted on 08 8532 5855 during school hours if required.

For all students not attending the camps regular lessons will be conducted and attendance at school expected as normal.

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March 15th, 2013