

February 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 12 students

Following are the details for the **Year 12 Camp**. There is an expectation that students will attend this camp as part of their Year 12 year (please contact me as soon as possible if there is a valid reason why your son or daughter cannot attend). It will be held at Finlay Park Adventure Camp, Hora Hora, Cambridge from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May (second week of Term 2). Students are to be at school by 8.00am on the Tuesday and we will be leaving for the camp at 8.30am. We will return to school by approximately 2.30pm on the Friday.

Finlay Park camp is staffed by qualified instructors. Members of the John Paul College staff will be also be attending, leading their form classes and in other supervisory roles. Parents are required as extra helpers on group activities so please let me know if you are able to help.

Students will be transported by bus. No student vehicles will be permitted. <u>Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch for the Tuesday.</u> Students may travel with volunteer parents but must notify the Dean.

The cost of the camp is \$235.00. Please pay to the school Accounts Office and be sure to <u>label it as</u> <u>money for Year 12 Camp</u> or it will be used for other fees!! If you forsee a problem in paying this amount, please contact me as soon as possible as there is assistance available. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- o Kayak
- o Abseil/ Wall climbing
- o Animal Survival Game
- o Tramp
- o Confidence Course/Adventure Trail
- o Rafting
- o Paint Ball Sling Shot
- o Archery and Shooting

Students are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability in each activity. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop their leadership and teamwork skills and teacher observations of students at camp are included as part of the selection process for leaders in Year 13.

More detailed information on the camp programme etc. will be issued to students closer to the departure date.

Please read all the attached information thoroughly and complete the relevant forms. All forms must be returned to Form Teachers and payment made **no later than <u>Monday 1st May (start of Term 2).</u>** Students will need to bring a packet of biscuits or home baking to be used at camp for their morning teas and suppers.

<u>Please make sure you have updated (where necessary) your child's health information held</u> <u>by the school</u>. Please contact - <u>nurse@jpc.school.nz</u>

Should you require any further details, please contact me on (07) 347 8795, ext 8852.

Regards,