

Camp Information

Goulburn River – Rail Trail Bike Camp

Term 2: 6th – 7th June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**A bit about the Great Victorian Rail Trail…**This easily accessible, varied and unique rail trail offers close proximity to heritage classified rivers, majestic valleys, lakes and mountains. The trail is Australia’s longest continuous rail trail, with Victoria’s longest rail trail tunnel at Cheviot. The trail spans 134 kilometres from Tallarook, through Yea to Mansfield, with a spur line linking Cathkin and Alexandra. Located less than one hour from Melbourne, the trail travels through beautiful countryside following the heritage classified Goulburn River at Tallarook and passes through the Trawool Valley, classified by the National Trust for its scenic beauty.

**A bit about the expedition….   
Day One-Thursday**Students picked up at **Collingwood Station at 9.30am** and transported in Program Bus to the Alexandra rail trail start at roughly 1pm to commence the bike ride to Molesworth caravan Park. **Students to bring lunch for the first day.** All other meals are provided. The students will ride for approximately 17kms along the purpose built rail trail. Upon arrival students will set up tents before dinner which will be a barbeque prepared by the students. A debrief and information for the next day will be given before going to bed.

*Alternative program- Rail trail Museum and environmental study with Parks Vic*

**Day Two- Friday**

Students have breakfast and pack up camp by 10am. Students will head off on the rail trail from Molesworth to Yea via the famous Cheviot tunnel. The distance on the bikes will be 17 kilometres. The students will ride 34 kms in total over the two days. At Yea, students will have lunch before heading back to Collingwood station for 3.30pm. In the event we are running a little late parents will be called.

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* ***Please note:*** Mobile phones will not be required during the camp as staff mobiles can be contacted at all times. Students will hand in their phones on the bus at the commencement of the trip and then handed back at the end of the camp.

**Clothing and Equipment List**

**General Considerations**

Clothing on the bike ride should allow participants to be comfortable and protected in a range of conditions, regardless of season. Wet weather gear is supplied. Below is a list of items students will need to bring. Any extra items will only add unnecessary weight which students will then have to carry. Students need to include a hat and sunglasses and sunscreen. IF students have available a camel pack and bike gloves they may bring them along. As a safety precaution students are advised to bring roll on deodorant or repellent and not aerosol sprays.

**Camping equipment supplied**

* Tent
* Stove & Stove Fuel
* Sleeping bag
* Sleeping mat
* Back pack
* Torch
* Wet weather gear
* First Aid
* Maps
* Thermals
* All food except lunch on first day
* Students to bring own lunch first day

**Personal Clothing and Equipment for students to bring**

* + 1 jumper/fleece/windcheater
  + 1 pair shorts
  + bathers in the summer months
  + 1 tracksuit pants
  + 2 t-shirts (1 can be long sleeve)
  + 2 pairs of runners
  + 1 lightweight shoes i.e. sandals, crocs, thongs to wear in evening
  + 1 sun hat
  + 3 pairs of underwear
  + 3 pairs of socks
  + Pillow (optional)

**Toiletries**

* Soap
* Toothbrush and toothpaste
* Sunscreen
* Insect repellent
* Face washer/flannel
* Small Swimming towel in summer

**Personal Equipment**

* Asthma pump if required
* Bowl, cup, knife, fork, spoon ( plastic or for camping)
* 2 x AA batteries
* Medication as listed on students medical form or other prescribed medication
* 2 x 750ml water bottle or 1.5L hydration pack
* sunglasses
* Students must NOT bring alcohol, vapes, non-documented medication, illegal substances, or knives other than the plastic knife used for eating.