



Year 6 Backyard Adventure Week

Monday, 29th November - Friday, 3rd December, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 6 is coming to an end, but we are not done with it yet. We have a week sent from the heavens planned for our departing cohort.

The week kicks off with a one-day-camp at Golden Valleys Activity and Adventure Camp situated in Flinders, ending at The Enchanted Maze in Arthurs Seat on Friday. Tuesday is a day at the movies followed by a picnic. Wednesday is Survivor Day at MEPS and Thursday is Graduation preparation and Band practice. What a week!

The week's experiences have been packaged together for the best deal possible, hence it is a one price fits all. There will be no opportunity to pick and choose between activities. Students are expected to attend the whole week as per normal school attendance policy.

Please read and sign the indemnity form for tree-surfing at the Enchanted Adventure Gardens. If this is not signed, your child will not be able to participate in this activity.

The cost for the week's activities is \$ 165.00. As with the Graduation and EOY excursions, parents may use your excursion levy.

To assist you in calculating your excursion levy balance, we have included a copy of your account statement. If you have a credit (negative balance), this has been highlighted. If you do not have any siblings you can use your entire credit to offset the Graduation, EOY festivities and also the Backyard Adventure Week and pay the balance if applicable. If you do have siblings still at MEPS you may prefer to leave a certain amount in credit for 2022. The choice is yours.

A timetable of activities, with locations and necessary equipment/attire is attached. As we need to confirm numbers and pre-pay we are unfortunately unable to issue any refunds. All money and forms must be received by Monday, 22nd November, 2021. No late forms and payments can be accepted after this date.

Thank you,

CATHY O'TOOLE, PHIL LEONARD, FIONA SCHULINUS AND JAVETTE WESTLAKE

Further important information

Student Behaviour

'I understand that in the event of my child's misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a danger to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I further understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Student Illness

'I understand that in the event excursion staff determine it is necessary for my child to be sent home early due to illness, any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.'

Cancellations or alterations

'I understand that the Principal may need to cancel or alter excursion arrangements at short notice, for safety reasons or due to circumstances beyond the control of the school, and while the Principal will try to minimise inconvenience or financial losses to parents, these may be unavoidable.'

Student accident insurance and ambulance cover

The Department of Education does not provide student accident insurance or ambulance cover. Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance from a commercial insurer and/or ambulance cover, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

Contract Tracing

Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contract-tracing in line with current public health directives.

Most venues are required to use electronic record keeping that connects with an Application Programming Interface (API) linked provider or a digital system provided by Services Victoria.

The Department of Health has **strongly recommended** that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

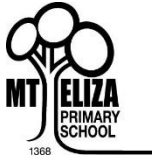
Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. The phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number.

Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK – 29th November to Friday, 3rd December, 2021

Day and Date	Activity	Location	Times	What to bring
Monday 29 th Nov	Golden Valleys	Flinders	Arrive MEPS 7:45am Bus will depart MEPS 8am sharp. Pick up from MEPS 5:15pm	Runners, suitable clothing for weather and adventure activities, covered shoulders, wide brimmed hat, personal sunscreen and hand sanitiser. All food- snacks, lunch, afternoon tea. Refillable water bottle. No money be brought to this excursion. All contained in a backpack
Tuesday 30 th Nov	Movies and Picnic	Karingal and Ballam Park	Normal school times apply.	Full school uniform Wide brimmed hat All food- snacks, lunch, afternoon tea. Refillable water bottle. No money required
Wednesday 1 st December	Survivor Day	MEPS	Normal school times apply.	Sports clothes that cover shoulders. Towel to dry off Runners, sunscreen, school hat Lunch and recess as per usual.
Thursday 2 nd December	Graduation and Band practice	MEPS	Normal school times apply.	Wear full school uniform but bring in Band clothes for dress rehearsal Lunch and recess as per usual.
Friday 3 rd December	The Enchanted Maze	Arthurs Seat	Normal school time arrival. Bus will depart MEPS at 9am Return to MEPS at 3:15pm	Runners, suitable clothing for weather and adventure activities, covered shoulders, wide brimmed hat, personal sunscreen and hand sanitiser. All food- snacks, lunch, afternoon tea. Refillable water bottle. No money to be brought to this excursion. All contained in a backpack



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Permission notice and money need to be returned no later than Monday, 22nd November, 2021

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Parent/Guardian consent

I have read all of the information provided by the School in relation to the Year 6 Backyard Adventure Week including any attached material.

I give permission for my child in Grade to attend all the activities in relation to the Year 6 Backyard Adventure Week from the 29th November to the 3rd December, 2021.

I authorise the teacher in charge to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. I accept all operation, blood transfusions and/or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility for payment of any expenses thus incurred.

Name and phone no. during the day: ☎

Parent/Carer's signature: Date:

<p>Medical Condition details: Please tick if your child suffers with the following Medical Conditions:-</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies (please specify)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>

I have enclosed \$ 165.00

Use \$ out of my excursion levy and pay the balance of \$..... Cash/credit card (please circle)

Card Account No.	<u>Credit Card Payment</u>	Please charge my:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Card
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