



1st June 2022

MT ELIZA PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR 5 SCHOOL CAMP – SOVEREIGN HILL
Monday, 8th August – Wednesday, 10th August, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Gold Fever is rapidly reaching Year 5! Our camp departs on Monday, 8th August and returns on Wednesday 10th August, 2022. The total cost of the camp is **\$425.00**. The first payment of **\$150.00** is due by **Wednesday, 22nd June**. Payment may be made in two instalments, with the final payment and balance of **\$275.00** due by **Friday, 29th July, 2022**.

Your child will be part of the Sovereign Hill Costumed School Program. This is a unique, two-day role-play experience where children are fully immersed in the 1850s; etiquette, fashion, behaviour and re-living the discipline of 'school life' on the goldfields. As the children will be part of the living museum, they will need to have specific clothing that is representative of what children in the 1800's would have worn. They will need **brown or black boots or leather lace-ups** that your child will need to wear whilst at costume school, (no velcro, zips, colours or writing on the boots), and 2 pairs of long plain white socks (further information attached).

This year our accommodation will be at Sovereign Hill at the on-site hotel. The children will be in dorms according to gender, sleeping between 4-8, with shared bathrooms. Next week, students will have the opportunity to select five friend preferences, and are guaranteed at least one of their friends in their room..

Your child will need to be at school by 8.15 am on the day of departure. We are fortunate to have Mrs Ridge as our First Aid Officer for the camp. **All medication is to be clearly labelled and should be handed to Mrs Ridge in 5S no later than 8:00am on Monday, 8th August.**

As part of the Camp experience, children will have the opportunity to spend pocket money on the last day of camp, as well as purchasing dinner before the trip home - students will not be provided with an evening meal. We suggest a limit of \$30 and at least \$10 of this saved for their evening meal. This should be placed in a purse/wallet and be clearly named, **as we collect this for safekeeping prior to departure.**

On the last day of camp we will be leaving Sovereign Hill at **4:00pm** and will arrive back at **MEPS at approx. 6.30 pm**. It is important that you are at school on time to collect your child. If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child, please advise your child's teacher prior to going on camp. If we are running either ahead or behind schedule we will send out a Skoolbag alert, so be sure you have downloaded this (free app) prior to camp.

Due to ratios, there are only three **male** positions available to assist on camp for parents or guardians. If you are interested, please fill in the section below and **return it to school by Friday 17th June**. Parent Helpers are required to have a current "Working With Children Check", which can be obtained on-line, free of charge. Parent helpers must also be fully vaccinated.

Thank you for your support in making this camp an exciting and rewarding experience for the children. If you have any queries about any aspect of the camp, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

If you are wishing to discuss a payment plan to assist in funding the camp please do not hesitate to contact Ms Hayley Gregory and make an appointment so this can be organised ASAP – prior to the first payment being due.

Regards,

Year 5 Classroom Teachers,
MELISSA SHALAGIN, LESLEY HARPUR AND MATT BARRETT

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.

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Please complete the details below **if you would like to be considered** to attend the grade 5 camp. Only male volunteers needed please.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

