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Middle/Senior School Camping Information

The Mackay Christian College Middle and Senior School camping program has been developed over a number of years. These are an integral part of College life. Camps are therefore compulsory and are an important part of the College's curriculum.

Camps and excursions are educational and also serve to help in the bonding of the student year groups. The aim is to provide students with personal and social development opportunities, individual challenges, group challenges and environmental awareness, build resilience, foster leadership, decision-making and fun. The camping program has set goals and objects that aim to develop all aspects of every child: body, mind and spirit. The program fits in with each year level's curriculum and provides an opportunity for the teacher to develop aspects of the class program in an alternative environment to the classroom.

Each camp has a purpose aimed at the development of the child and their year level cohort at that age. We are well aware of the cost associated with these camps and the impact this has on families' budgets. Our aim is to provide you with as much detail as possible so you can plan for these events. We have included all camps so you will have an idea of what to expect this year and in years to come.

The only reason a student may not be able to attend camp from the College's perspective is because of consistent poor behaviour. If a child is on a behaviour card, their opportunity will be reviewed and the invitation to attend will be at the discretion of the Head of Senior School. (Year 9 camp is an exception – students with an injury or disability may also be unable to participate in this adventure style camp).

Planning ahead with the best information available, hopefully will help avoid disappointment. Please note that the cost of camps are top end estimates only. Costs may vary a little and will be added to your child's school fees invoice so payments may be spread across the year.

Each camp is directed by the Academic Coaches for that year and will usually be held at similar times of year each year. The Sports and Camp Administrator will coordinate the necessary documentation for camps and will be the first point of contact for any queries.

There are additional opportunities for students to attend extra-curricular excursions at various times throughout the year that are optional.

MCC Middle/Senior School Camps Information for 2018

Details	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Date	September	September	August	April	April	October	February
Duration	6 Days	2 Days	3 Days	3 Days	4 Days	3 Days	4 Days
Location	Canberra and Sydney	MCC	Rowallan Park	Teemburra Dam	Yeppoon Recreation Centre	Seaforth Rec Centre	Action Challenge
Camp Coordinator	Mrs Freda Ferreira	TBA	TBA	Ms Debbie Wright	TBA	Mrs Catherine Petersen	Mr Jeff Greer
Purpose	Expose students to civics, government and national history. Build independence and teamwork.	Build independence, teamwork and self-responsibility.	Build teamwork and leadership. Exposure to independent camping.	Build teamwork, leadership, resilience and self-reliance. Exposure to adventure camping.	Build and identify student roles in College leadership and teamwork. Personal vision and responsible decision making. Fun activities-based camp.	Preparation for College leadership. Intensive: values, roles, responsibility, time management. Consideration of their contribution to Yr 12, MCC, House Family & student leadership.	Bonding of Year 12 class. Build supportive teams & relationships. Challenge inhibitions, form supportive teams, plan their legacy in the school and consider their contribution in the world.
Approx Cost:	\$ 1,700	\$ 50	\$ 120	\$ 180	\$ 450	\$ 250	\$ 320
Theme	Confident for GROWTH	Confident for CHANGE	Confident for ADVENTURE	Confident for CHALLENGE	Confident for SERVICE	Confident for LEADERSHIP	Confident for GRADUATION
Notes	NB. This is our most expensive and longest camp. As a result there is opportunity for extensive fund raising to support it through our “No child left behind” campaign. The cost shown above is without fund raising.	Students gain confidence by learning about themselves and their plans for their future. They will participate in at school and off site activities.	Students camp out at Rowallan Park. They participate in MTB, hikes and problem solving activities.	As mentioned above students, with physical impairments will not be able to participate in this camp due to its adventure style and associated high level of physical activity. Please discuss this with the Coordinator if you have concerns.			