

Year 8 Outdoor Learning Program - Margaret River

March 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We write to inform our Year 8 families of the upcoming Outdoor Learning Program (OLP), which will take place from **Monday 6 May to Thursday 9 May**, based in the Margaret River region and partnering with The Outdoor Education Group.

DEPARTURE

Students will depart on **Monday 6 May**. Students will be departing from the DLD car park. After arriving at school, students will meet their group leader opposite the DLD on the grass and have their attendance registered, load baggage onto the nominated coach, before departing at **7.30am**.

On the day of departure, students will need to carry with them: morning tea, lunch, a hat and a full water bottle for day one. These items can be packed in a small day pack/backpack for students (separate to their primary clothes bag). After lunch on the first day, all meals will be catered for.

RETURN

Students will return to School on **Thursday 9 May** at approximately **4.30pm** and can be collected from the DLD bus bays at this time. Notification to parents by the Senior School Administration will occur if there are significant changes to our estimated return time.

STAFFING

Guildford Grammar School staff in attendance:

- Tim Angeloni
- Jason Zours
- Sherie Hope
- Kara Mathews
- Gavin Swan
- Mel Weston
- Emma Brown
- Kieran Hurley
- Janine Finnie
- Richard Doherty
- Alex Baumann
- Alexander Wladren
- Tony Wildman
- Ashlea Harvey
- As well as additional education support staff.

PROGRAM

We partner with The Outdoor Education Group who provide activity support, facilitation, catering and equipment for the complete program. The Year 8 OLP experience is sequenced as a continuation of our Outdoor Learning Program and connects prior learning and skill development in a new environment. This adventure takes place early in Term 2, allowing students to enjoy kinder environmental conditions whilst strengthening and solidifying relationships with peers and teachers that will continue to support them well beyond the program.

Personal attributes, such as cooperation, acceptance, support, determination responsibility and trust will be inherent within all activities. Students will have the opportunity to deeply engage in the local environment and will spend threenights sleeping in expedition tents.

Activities planned for the program include:

- Canoeing on the Blackwood River
- Climbing and Abseiling at Willyabrup
- Bushwalking
- Initatives and Low Ropes Course

We expect students will find the program a challenging and highly rewarding experience. However, the program is certainly not designed to push students beyond their means. The adoption of a "challenge by choice" attitude to activities, allows students to define and set their own personal boundaries. Above all, the program is designed to be a FUN and memorable experience.

Families are encouraged to login to the OEG website for more information on the program, catering, and allergy management. Specific information relevant to our Year 8 program, including a packing list, can be found by accessing the camp portal with the following login details:

- Log in Access is through the OEG Website – <http://www.oeg.edu.au>
- In the top right corner is a box that says LOGIN – click on this
- Enter school name – Guildford Grammar School
- Enter the password – ggsoeg24
- Select - Year 8 Program

MEDICAL & DIETARY MATTERS

Please note:

- If you have a child with medical and/or dietary needs:
 - You may be asked to complete an additional Medical Advisory plan in the weeks leading up to the program. All information will be strictly confidential. We appreciate you providing as much detailed information as you can, as this will help ensure the safest and most enjoyable time for your child. We will contact you if we need additional information.
 - If your child requires daily medication, it is essential to have your local pharmacy/chemist prepare a 'blister' or 'Webster' pack indicating medication dosage, day, and time, to ensure that this can be easily managed by your child and school staff. Prescription medications, once blister packed by your pharmacist, will need to be dropped at Senior School Administration by no later than Wednesday 1 May. This allows our Medical Team sufficient time to correctly process medications and follow up any discrepancies in our documentation.
 - Students will be participating in water activities while on program (canoeing). All students will be wearing personal flotation devices while participating. Although entering the water is unlikely, as a precaution we ask you to, please select 'non-swimmer' when completing the online consent documentation through Consent2Go. Alternative activities will be provided for non-swimmers.

In the coming weeks you will receive correspondence from MCBschools, which is our student management platform responsible for maintaining student medical and dietary information. If your child's medical details have changed, or if you are unsure, please follow the prompts to check and update details.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A parent presentation is planned for **Wednesday 17 April at 5.00pm** conducted by Jason Zours (Director of Outdoor Learning) and Tim Angeloni (OLP Coordinator). This will be held in the Senior School DLD theatre and we will conclude our time together with an informal Q&A session. Your attendance at this session is not compulsory, however if you have any questions about the upcoming Year 8 Program, or would simply like to hear more, this is a great opportunity to connect, we look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

The accepted School expectations for appropriate student behaviour apply whilst attending the Year 8 Outdoor Learning Program. The GGS Positive Behaviour XXXX supports our students, informing positive choices and expectations. Students are reminded that at no time are they allowed to move away from the campsite or an activity without a staff member's permission. Students are not allowed to be out of bed at night after "lights out" without an appropriate reason. Students' concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and others must always be paramount.

Any breach of the stated behavioural expectations may result in the student concerned being sent home early from the program. In such a situation, the family would be expected to cover any additional costs incurred.

- Students are NOT permitted to bring expensive electronic items including: phones, Apple watches, Apple air tags, personal music players/speakers or electronic games. Digital cameras are permitted, but optional.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

A list of student requirements is found at the end of this letter. Please label all clothing items as this makes it much easier for us to return items to you. Additionally, on the weekend of 18-21 April, Kathmandu (Midland Gate), will be hosting an exclusive "Gear Up" event for Guildford Grammar Year 8 students. They will be offering considerable discounts, fitting, and professional advice on many outdoor learning related products (if you are unable to access or borrow from home).

LUGGAGE:

All items taken to camp should fit into ONE duffel bag (students must be able to carry) or similar soft bag. A suitcase is not suitable.

Students should come to the School on Monday in their casual program clothes ready for OLP.

As per Guildford Grammar Schools Fees and Charges, the Schools Outdoor Learning Program is compulsory and considered part of the holistic education offerings. Associated fees are non-refundable as costs incurred in operating the OLP are not lessened by the absence of individual students.

Should you have any queries, please contact Jason Zours (Director of Outdoor Learning) or Tim Angeloni (Outdoor Learning Program Coordinator) via phone or email.

Yours sincerely



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STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

No	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PACKED
	ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT – ALL PARTICIPANTS TO BRING	
	PERSONAL CLOTHING	
1	Sturdy Hiking Boots, Walking Shoes or Runners (Should have good grip and be worn in – no elastic sided boots, skate shoes, Volleys)	
1	Comfortable shoes for around camp – must be closed toe, no thongs or slippers.	
1	Water shoes/ booties, old runners or volleys for canoeing.	
1	Raincoat with a hood – Gore-Tex or similar – thigh length	
1 pair/day	Socks – hiking socks, "Explorer' or similar.	
1 pair/day	Underwear	
1 pair	Thermal underwear -long sleeve top and pants – wool or synthetic, NOT COTTON	
1	Long Pants – loose fitting, NO JEANS	
2	Shorts – Board shorts or School Sports shorts – No short shorts allowed (a climbing harness has to be worn)	
1	Long sleeved shirts with collar – cotton or cotton blend	
2	Short sleeved shirts with collar – sports shirts are good – NO SINGLETS	
2	Fleece or wool/ wool mix jumpers – thick and warm – no cotton hoodies	
1	Broad brim sun hat or GGS Bucket Hat – NO CAPS ALLOWED	
1	Beanie	
	PERSONAL ITEMS	
1	Small hand sanitiser	
1	Insect repellent – roll on type	
1	Sunscreen, zinc, lip balm	
1	Toothbrush and toothpaste	
1	Flannel for 'bush bathing' – optional	
1	Feminine hygiene – sanitary items and handwipes – even if you are not expecting to need them. (100% biodegradable is recommended)	
1	Wristwatch – NO SMARTWATCHES	
1	Strapping tape if you need to strap an injury daily	
	Those who wear glasses – please bring a retaining strap and a sturdy case.	



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	PERSONAL EQUIPMENT	
	MORNING TEA AND LUNCH for Day 1 – No Nuts.	
1	Sleeping bag – quality synthetic or down, rated to -5 degrees or below. Must have a compression bag.	
1	Sleeping Mat (closed cell foam, no more than 10cm thick and 50x180 or a self-inflating hiking mat)	
1	Strong fork and spoon	
1	Strong plastic bowl for eating meals & or screw/clip lock container	
1	Mug suitable for camping – not ceramic	
2	Tea Towels	
1	Small towel or chamois	
1	Head torch and spare batteries	
3	Water bottles (1 litre per bottle minimum) – MT Frankland bottles work well. NOT METAL or GLASS	
2	Large Plastic Bags (orange multix brand)	
2	Extra Large snaplock bags to waterproof cloths	

Personal Equipment Examples

A good raincoat looks like this:



This Raincoat is made from Gore-Tex or Synapse or similar membrane and extends to mid-thigh.

A poor raincoat looks like this:



This raincoat is made of plastic, PVC or similar material.

These shoes are sturdy and acceptable.



Theses shoes are less supportive, OK for water activities and around camp.





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This is a quality down filled sleeping bag:



This is a poor choice Big W type synthetic sleeping bag



This is a warm fleece Jumper and a good choice.



A sensible broad brim hat



This is a poor choice for warmth – cotton hoodie.



A sensible bucket hat



This is a suitable screw lid container for your bowl/lunch/dinner box.



This is a suitable lid lock container for your bowl/lunch/dinner box



Cheap and strong water bottle.



A commonly used water bottle



A closed cell foam camping mat



Self-inflating hiking mat



SIZE COMPARISON



NALGENE 320Z



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NOT COMPRESSED



Kia Ora/G'day Wilderness Families 2024,

Kathmandu **Midland gate** is pleased to invite you to an exclusive shopping program. We are offering a one-off Gear up discount on purchases across the entire range.

Promotion Information:

To be held at the Midland gate store from:

18th April– 21st April

During this event we will offer our guidance and expertise, from important information on correctly fitting backpacks, different sleeping bag options, choosing the correct footwear, to technical information on clothing and apparel.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for your upcoming adventure to ensure you will be safe and comfortable.

How to take advantage of this offer:

Simply present this flyer at Kathmandu **Midland gate** on the above dates to gain access to your community discount. Terms & Conditions:

- Offer only valid at the Kathmandu **Midland gate** store between **18th April – 21st April**
- Purchases are strictly for **Guildford grammar year 8 students, parents and staff** only.
- Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale/clearance discount.
- The store manager may revoke or restrict this offer at their discretion.

Thanks 😊😊😊



Kathmandu Team

