Dear Parents of Year 9 Students

**Year 9 Outdoor Education – Murramarang 2014**

This year will see the continuation of our highly successful and enjoyable programme of Outdoor Education for Year 9. This will take the form of a five-day expedition through the magnificent Murramarang National Park on the South Coast north of Batemans’ Bay from **Monday, 17 March 2014 until Friday, 21 March 2014.**

The students will take part in a guided expedition style programme in some of the most beautiful coastal forest in NSW. This camp will be run by highly qualified and accredited staff from Lands Edge, an outdoor education provider (see www.landsedge.com.au), supported by staff from All Saints’ College. Activities will include surfing and snorkelling lessons (swimwear will be required) as well as hiking and bushcraft. This is a compulsory co-curricular activity and exemption is only available on medical grounds, confirmed by a medical certificate and with the express permission of the Head of College. **Refunds of costs are only available if exemption is granted by 1 March 2014.**

Please complete and return the **Medical Information & Consent Forms** directly to **Warren Stocks BEFORE 1 March 2014.** Please ensure all details are included, especially if you tick YES for any question, to avoid the need to re-do the forms. Please do not leave ANY sections blank. Please write nil or not applicable (NA) to all non-relevant questions. If there is a change in medical conditions after the form has been returned, please contact me directly to update your child’s medical information.

Please adhere closely to the **Clothing and Equipment List** supplied. This is an important safety requirement for your child. The school will supply each student with a backpack, whistle, japara (raincoat) and thermal tops and bottoms if they have none of their own. The College provides these significant resources free of charge to reduce the costs to parents of our Outdoor Education programme.

Students should avoid bringing excess gear and equipment which they will have to carry. Electronic devices will be collected on the bus down to Murramarang and returned on the journey home.
In preparation for this camp, we will require all clothing and equipment to be brought to school for checking on Friday, 14 March 2014. The students will be taken out of class for two periods. Their clothing and equipment will remain at school until we leave on Monday, 17 February 2014. Students will meet at **6.30am on Monday, 17 March 2014** in the school car park to enable the marking of rolls and the loading of luggage for a **7.00am** departure. We plan to return to school by **8:00pm on Friday, 21 March 2014**.

Each student will be given money to purchase lunch on Monday for the forward journey and for dinner on Friday when we return to Bathurst. If you have any queries about this camp, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the numbers below. All this information will also be available on the School website [www.saints.nsw.edu.au](http://www.saints.nsw.edu.au). It will be a great week of experience, fun and learning.

Yours sincerely

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