



Senior School Parent Information Outdoor Education 2016

Thursday 8 December

Ben Lomond Climb

Important Information - Students MUST be at school by 7.45am
(information regarding Moke Lake Camp will follow)

EOTC General Information

Our Outdoor Education Programme is an integral part of our student's education at QPS. This year, students will be involved in a range of activities that will take them into our **alpine environment**.

It is extremely important that they are well prepared with the correct gear. Even if the sun is shining the temperature can still be **very cold**.

Students will need:

- Good walking shoes
- Windproof and showerproof jacket (no ski jackets or puffers)
- Warm fleece
- Poly pro or merino long johns (Long johns are a lightweight warm option if the weather turns cold during the day. We don't expect students to wear them if the day is hot but it is essential they have a pair in their bag)
- High visibility vest (available from the office)
- Sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent
- Packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle
- Medication (if required)
- Additional equipment as listed on their activity sheet

***QPS has a selection of these items available to borrow if required.
Please contact your classroom teacher.***

Parent Information Evening

There will be an information evening held on **Wednesday 9 November** in the staffroom at 6pm. It is strongly recommended that all parent helpers, new parents or parents wishing to know more about our Outdoor Education Programme attend this meeting. We encourage you to come along.

To ensure the smooth operation of our programme please note:

- **We cannot get messages to students during Outdoor Ed. Please ensure your child knows what they are doing after school each day.**
- Please ensure the school office have up-to-date contact numbers and medical information.
- If you have offered to parent help we expect you to be there. As part of our Risk Assessment Management all activities are based on adult/child ratios.
- All parent helpers must be available daily for activity induction and briefing.
- **It is imperative students arrive at school by 8.45am.** All students are to report to their classroom for roll call.
It is important to be on time.
- Please advise **absences prior to 8.30am including the class** your child is in.
- Please check days, times and equipment carefully so that students are prepared for activities. All information can be found on our website.
- Any cancellation of a FULL day due to adverse weather conditions will be advised via our text messaging service and our website. In the event of cancellation it will be school as normal.
- All updates will be found on our website.
- **There will be no lunch orders during the week 5 - 9 December 2016**
- To alleviate congestion the bottom field will be open for carparking

2016 Outdoor Education

Activity Name:	Ben Lomond Walk	
Year Level	Senior School - Years 5 and 6	
Date:	Thursday 8 December	

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Outline

Time	Programme
8am	Roll call, gear inspection and parent briefing.
8:15am	Whole group leaves for the Tiki Trail.
9:15am	First stop, at the bushline, and split into two groups. All children ten minutes behind the leader to form the second group.
10:00am	Second stop, at the First Saddle, probable second split.
10:45am	Third stop, at the Main Saddle, final split. Gear check and roll call.
11:45am	Lunch for all groups - roll call
12:30pm	All groups begin heading down
2:45pm	Arrive back at school - roll call

Equipment List:

Small day pack	Medication in a named bag
Warm Fleece	High Visibility Vest
Waterproof jacket	
Suitable sturdy walking shoes	Water bottle
Sunhat, sunscreen and insect repellent	Gloves and beanie (summit group)
Packed lunch, morning tea, nibbles	