



16 February 2021

Event	Year 7 Camp		
Location	Bournda National Park		
Date	10 – 12 March	Time	7.00 am Wed to 5.30 pm Friday
Transport	Bus	Uniform	NO
Cost	Included in school fees	Contact no.	62434100
Return of note/money	ASAP		

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students

Welcome to Merici College! I am writing to provide you with information regarding the 2021 Merici College Year 7 Camp. The location of the camp is Tathra on the Far South Coast of New South Wales. The venue is Hobart Beach Campground, Bournda National Park. The camp will take place from **Wednesday 10 – Friday 12 March**, three days, and two nights.

The camp is supervised by Merici staff and activities are undertaken by fully trained outdoor educators from Coastlife Adventures. Coastlife Adventures is a privately-owned Outdoor Education and Recreational Business established to provide safe, quality experiences to a large range of groups. In addition, a select number of the student Transition Team* will accompany the Year 7 students and staff.

**please note that at no point will student leaders have sole responsibility for any students during camp. Student leaders play a peer support role in the camp experience.*

The camp is a compulsory school activity for all Year 7 students. The staff at Merici see the camp as a valuable time for students to get to know their peers as well as to:

- learn more about each other, the staff, and the Merici College Ethos through both structured activities and the social environment on camp.
- demonstrate leadership qualities, teamwork, and safety during group activities.
- gain confidence and understanding of a surf beach environment.
- contribute to the overall well-being and enjoyment of their school community.

In small groups the students will take part in a surf safety program, a raft building event, team initiative challenges and a coastal bushwalk and lagoon swim. The students will sleep in tents and share healthy meals prepared in the huge communal shelter. The camp site is close to the shores of Wallagoot Lake, Bournda Beach and within walking distance of Bournda Lagoon.

More detailed information regarding the program will be outlined in the Student Camp Booklet which will be distributed to students during Week 5. In the Booklet there is a very detailed "Camping and Clothing" information sheet and it is very important that these are followed. Shannon Grass from Coastlife will be present to talk about the camp and answer questions from parents at an information evening on Tuesday 16 February.

At this stage camp buses will depart from Wise Street at **7:30 am on Wednesday 10 March**, therefore your daughter needs to **be at school by 7.00 am**. There will be a brief stop at Cooma on the way to Tathra. This is intended to be for morning tea and a toilet break so please make sure that your daughter has eaten breakfast before boarding the bus. Students will need to bring a substantial morning tea and lunch with them as the first meal provided at camp is afternoon tea. A return stop will depend on traffic and timing, as our goal is to return to school at the scheduled time. We estimate that we should **return to Merici around 5.30 pm Friday 12 March**.

Your daughter will have had a busy few days so please be punctual in collecting her. Supervision will be limited after the last bus arrives, so it is essential that students be collected promptly at 5.30 pm. Should there be an unforeseen emergency and you cannot collect your daughter at 5.30 pm you must contact the College on 6243 4100 to alert the school of the problem before 3:30 pm. Please leave a return mobile number so you can be contacted. It is important to note that you must phone before 3:30 pm as the school switchboard will close. An alternative mobile number will be provided when students are given their camp booklets and information.

The cost of the camp has been included in your Term 1 school fees. The cost includes accommodation, the rental of all equipment required, activities staff, insurance, transport to and from camp, food provision and a Camp T-shirt.

The Consent form on the next page needs to be returned to Student Services at email student.info@merici.act.edu.au by **Wednesday February 24th** so that final numbers can be confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the camp, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to getting to know your daughter on the 2021 Year 7 Camp.

Yours sincerely

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Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Consent Form

Category C & D Excursions

Excursion To	Year 7 Camp Tathra
Date(s)	11 – 13 March 2021
Location	Bournda National Park
Organising Teacher	Kate Durham

Student Details		
Surname		
Given Name		
Date of Birth		
Year		PC
Home Phone		
Student Mobile		

School	Merici College, Braddon, ACT
Emergency Contact	
Name	
Phone	
Relationship	
Medicare No	
Private Health Ins	

Student Medical Details	
Date of last Tetanus injection	
Please detail any medical conditions (eg. Allergies, asthma) and treatment plans for your child, relevant to this excursion.	
Student Dietary Requirements Please outline your daughter's special dietary requirements.	

Swimming Ability		
Cannot Swim	Can float and tread water	Strong swimmer swims 100m or more
Can swim 20m	Can swim 50m	

Parental Consent
<p>I give my consent for her to participate in this excursion and agree to delegate my authority to the staff and instructors involved. Such teachers and instructors may take appropriate disciplinary action they deem necessary to ensure the safety, well-being and successful conduct of the students as a group, or individually in the above-mentioned activity.</p> <p>I submit the attached medical information about the abovementioned student and include details of limitations, which he/she has for the activities concerned.</p> <p>If I cannot be contacted to give approval for medical assistance, I authorise the teachers and instructors to obtain medical assistance, which they deem necessary should an accident occur. If I am unable to be contacted to give approval, I further authorise qualified medical practitioners to administer anaesthetic if such an eventuality arises. I agree to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the abovementioned student.</p> <p>I accept that my child is to behave in an appropriate manner and have explained this obligation to her. I agree that if my child seriously contravenes behavioural expectations she may be immediately excluded.</p> <p>I give permission for images taken on this excursion of my child to be used by the school in school and system publications, both print and electronic. Please note that Merici can accept the returning of permission notes from a registered parent/guardian email address. There is no need to print and scan.</p>

Parent/Guardian Signature	
Date	