

Dear Parents,

This year our Year 9 Camp at Karapiro will be held from **Thursday 26 November to Sunday 29 November 2020**. The camp finishes during the afternoon of **Sunday 29 November**, at 5pm **at the earliest**.

Regarding COVID-19, there are obvious implications for the running of the camp, especially at different Alert Levels 1 and 2. Please be assured the safety of your son is a priority in our management of the Camp. As information comes to hand, we will be informing you of any implications.

With the reality of Lockdown at Alert Levels 3 and 4 this year, it is important more than ever that we at least try to get your son into the great outdoors. Finlay Park offers a wonderful opportunity for your son to experience outdoor education in a safe and beautiful environment. **Please be aware that under Alert Levels 3 and 4 we would not be able to continue with the Camp.**

Boys take part in a variety of activities including tramping, canoeing, rafting, orienteering, water skiing and overnight camping. In order to run this kind of programme successfully we need a considerable amount of help in the following areas:

- Parents to help with the activities and catering
- Help in transporting our Year 9 students to and from Karapiro
- Suitably qualified people to run the First Aid post
- Boats for the water-based activities, eg.
 - at least eight ski boats and drivers (all fuel supplied)
 - at least two dinghies (12' approx) and
 - two small outboards (approx 6h.p.) to act as safety boats.

If you are able to help in any of these areas we will be most grateful. Please indicate on the forms provided.

Parents in previous years have really enjoyed being able to spend some time with their sons and meet other parents, so please consider this carefully. We do have to ask helping parents to contribute \$40 per day towards their food and accommodation costs. As so many parents will be there, it would dramatically affect the charge per boy if we did not do this.

The fee this year was set at \$350. This fee should have been paid by now or payment arranged through the office. If there are any difficulties concerning payment please contact Fr Stephen sberez@sacredheart.school.nz or Mrs Tricia Gerrard tgerrard@sacredheart.school.nz.

To help us with our organization, please complete the Permission and Information Sheets as fully as you can and return them as **soon as possible** to your son's Homeroom teacher. Copies of these forms will also be emailed to you.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Stephen Berez
Camp Organiser

Mr Stephen Dooley
Principal